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WHITEAWAY'S

BRITISH PENETRATING DEEP INTO ERITREA: BISCIA IS ABANDONED

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, JAN. 27 (UP).—IT IS REPORTED FROM ERITREA THAT BRITISH ADVANCE UNITS ARE NOW WITHIN 15 MILES OF AGORDAT, WHILE THE MAIN FORCE IS ABOUT EIGHT MILES TO THE EAST OF BISCIA.
THE CAPTURE OF AGORDAT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR THE MORALE OF ABYSSINIAN INSURGENTS, BUT IS NOT STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT.
IT IS REVEALED THAT THE ITALIANS ABANDONED BISCIA WITH LITTLE FIGHTING, ALLOWING THE BRITISH TO PENETRATE ALONG TWO LINES, ONE FROM KERU TO AICOTA AND THE OTHER FROM BISCIA TO BARENTU.

R.A.F. ACTIVITY IN LIBYA

'Dromes & Planes Destroyed'

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, JAN. 27 (UP).—The R.A.F. announce that they attacked aerodromes and landing grounds in Libya last Sunday and destroyed a number of grounded planes at Barce and Derna. Five Italian bombers, protected by fighters, which were attacking British troops near Derna were shot down.

ITALIANS HIT BACK

Counter-Attacks In Albania

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, JAN. 27 (UP).—A Greek Government spokesman confirmed that heavy Italian counter-attacks were continuing on the central and northern fronts.

In order to produce an early success for Mussolini, he said, the Italian High Command in Albania was sending masses of men to the fronts with "complete disregard for their losses, which are mounting high."

He said that the main Italian objective was to retake the positions stormed by the Greeks last week, but this was almost impossible because the Greeks had consolidated their positions.

Crack Troops Used

The Cacciatori Regiment, the elite of the Alpine troops, has been thrown into the central and northern fronts. This regiment, reputedly held the Italian front during the World War when Austrian troops threatened to reach Venice after the battle of Caporetto.

However, the spokesman said, the Greeks were able to continue their offensive, occupying a number of fortified heights and several villages, and capturing over 100 Italians, including units of the Cacciatori Regiment.

Abortive Attempt At Invasion

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, JAN. 27 (UP).—Stoney J. Simmons, a private of the Canadian Army who is on home leave, has revealed that German troops attempted an invasion of Britain last autumn when "a few German troops died on land on British soil."

Under the cover of an air attack on British coast defences and a barrage of German coast guns, he said, scores of boats, from 50 to 100 feet long, swarmed across the English Channel.

"Most of them were sunk and a few German soldiers who landed were captured," he said. "German bodies were washed up on the coast for days."

"Several invasions were attempted during five months when I was stationed on the coast," he added.

The natural features of the country are excellent for defence, but the Italians made little use of them; on the contrary they withdraw so fast that they had no time to destroy the road connecting Biscia and Agorditsi and Biscia and Agordat which climbs to a height of 2,000 feet.

It is expected that Barentu will be likewise unable to hold out much longer.

It is also reported that 200 White Italian troops were killed or captured by the Abyssinians during a two-days fight on a road between Dessi and Debrataber to the east of Lake Tana.

Graziani Reported Dismissed

Ciano At The Front

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, JAN. 27 (UP).—The Ankara Radio announced that "news has just been received that General Graziani has been dismissed, and that General Bardi, who is noted for his services in Abyssinia, will replace him."

Ciano Joins Air Force

ROME, JAN. 27 (UP).—It is officially reported that Count Ciano the Foreign Minister has gone to the front as a Lieutenant-Colonel in the air force.

When in Ethiopia, Count Ciano commanded the "desperate" squadron. Although the communiqué did not specify it, it is reliably reported that the Count went to Albania zone of operations in command of the "Desperate" again.

Congo Getting Into War Stride

CAPE TOWN, JAN. 27 (REUTER).—The return of Germany to the African continent would mean the end of the independence and security of all African states," declared the Belgian Minister for the Colonies, M. De Weert, today.

He arrived here from the Belgian Congo yesterday and will leave for the north again on Thursday. During his brief stay he will have talks with General Smuts on questions affecting the mutual interests of South Africa and the Belgian Congo, including trade relations.

Italians Knocked Out Of Sky By R.A.F. Patrols

CAIRO, JAN. 27 (REUTER).—Five Italian fighter aircraft were shot down on Sunday by British fighters which maintained patrols throughout the day, according to an R.A.F. communiqué.

Three Fiat bi-plane fighters (south of Derna) and two Fiat monoplanes attacking British troops near Derna were shot down in flames although protected by a number of other fighters.

On the landing ground near Mechille, one Savoia bomber was destroyed on the ground.

A raid was carried out by British bombers on Sunday on the aerodrome at Barce (Libya). Bombs fell near the hangars and dispersed aircraft. Direct hits were also registered on the adjacent buildings. A Derna area was also bombed.

Evacuating Ethiopia

LONDON, JAN. 27 (REUTER).—Italy is preparing to give up Abyssinia as the patriot revolt is expected to flare up into a general conflagration after the completion of the harvest at the end of January.

This is the expectation of a member of the British military mission in Abyssinia, reported by the "Daily Telegraph" correspondent.

The Italians are shifting all grain stocks from Abyssinia to Eritrea and there is a great scarcity of food in the larger Abyssinian towns. A daily stream of starving refugees is pouring into the British Mission's camp and an increasing number of Italian troops is deserting to the British.

It is possible that the Italians may soon evacuate the frontier and lowlands and retire to the natural ramparts of the escarpments, but as an internal revolt may make even the uplands untenable, the Italians have made plans for an almost complete evacuation of Abyssinia and for concentrating all troops for the last stand in the Eritrean hills.

DEATH OF MRS R. CARROLL

Mother of a well known Hongkong and Far East family, Mrs Rose Carroll died at her residence, No. 13, Bowen Road, yesterday in her 80th year. She was suffering from bronchitis, pneumonia to which she succumbed at 9 a.m.

Mrs Carroll, nee Rosinada, was born of Spanish parents in Santiago, Cuba, in 1861. Her voyage to the Far East at the age of ten was marked by tragedy. The family was travelling on the paddle steamer "America" and while at anchor in Yokohama the ship caught fire. The girl and her brother were rescued but their father was drowned.

Mrs Carroll was the wife of John Carroll of Co. Cork, Ireland, who died in London in 1916.

Her father was one of three brothers who founded the first shipyard in Yokohama about 70 years ago. The brothers owned a fleet of schooners which traded with Siberia in furs and seal skins. Mrs Carroll lived in Hongkong for 54 years. She leaves two sons and two daughters. They are Mr W. J. Carroll and Mr A. H. Carroll, Mrs Mary Carroll-Smith of San Francisco and Mrs D. Rapp of London.

R.A.F. Attack Hanover

Fires In Target Area

LONDON, JAN. 27 (REUTER).—Two large fires and several small fires were started when a small force of R.A.F. bombers successfully attacked industrial targets in Hanover in the early hours of today.

None of our aircraft is missing. No bombs were dropped on Britain last night and London had a week free from enemy raids.

There was slight enemy air activity yesterday when single raiders crossed the East Anglian coast.

Volunteer firemen saved the Law Courts from total destruction by fire. By their efforts the main structure of the courts were prevented from being set alight and the fire was under control 90 minutes from the start while bombs were still dropping.

Nazi Raider Sighted In The Pacific

It is believed that a German raider has been sighted in the southern Pacific.

A "Reuter" message from Manila received this morning says that a reliable message has been intercepted from the American steamship Oscar Gorthon which says that at 1 p.m. on Monday in Lat. 18.7 N and Long. 146.27 E, the Oscar Gorthon passed a raider with guns. She was painted black and had her prizes with her.

The position given by the American ship shows that the raider is around the Japanese mandated islands and some miles north of Guam.

Thai-Indo-China Hostilities To End To-day: Talks On Cruiser

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, JAN. 27 (UP).—It is officially announced that hostilities between Thailand and Indo-China will cease at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Armistice Commissions will be named by both sides, and negotiations will be opened in Tokyo under the French Ambassador, M. Arsene Henry who will act as President of the Commission.

Talks Aboard Cruiser
SAIGON, JAN. 27 (UP).—It is officially announced that the armistice talks which will commence January 29 will be held aboard the Japanese cruiser Natori which will arrive here Tuesday.

Armistice Meeting

HANOI, JAN. 27 (UP).—With the Thai and French having accepted the Japanese offer for mediation, the hostilities will cease at 10 a.m. on January 28, according to an official announcement. A Thai-French-Japanese armistice commission will meet on January 29 at Saigon, it adds.

Major-General Sumita, chief of the Japanese military commission in Indo-China, is proceeding to Saigon from Hanoi. French officials here have not received any border news to-day.

Thai Advance

BANGKOK, JAN. 26 (UP).—The High Command announced that heavy fighting took place on the entire frontier yesterday, with Thai forces drawing closer to Siem Reap under artillery bombardment. Thai troops continued advance on all fronts.

Thai planes were said to have carried out a reprisal raid on Siem Reap. The High Command claimed that all Thai planes had returned to bases despite a bitter dog-fight over Siem Reap.

Thai forces occupied Luang Prabang territory on the right bank of the Mekong River without resistance, said the High Command. Luang Prabang is one of the territories that Thailand has asked France to return.

Thai forces were said to be besieging Sisophon and shelling the city. French planes yesterday, according to the High Command, bombed Surin, Chandaburi and Aranya, causing slight damage. Thai planes were said to have engaged the raiders and driven them off after a 30-minute dog-fight.

Thai planes also bombed Bamsang, opening the way for Thai TURN to Back Page, Column 3

LATEST

Rumanian Regime

Military Cabinet Formed

LONDON, JAN. 27 (REUTER).—General Ion Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, formed a new military Cabinet to-day, says a Bucharest telegram.

All portfolios except those of Justice, Labour and Propaganda are entrusted to generals.

No member of the Iron Guard or representative of the Carol regime is included in the new government.

It is stated that the task of the new ministry will be "to restore order in the country and to repair the wrongs done by different regimes during the last few years."

Nazis In Sicily

BELGRADE, JAN. 27 (UP).—The afternoon newspaper "Veece" announces that it is reliably reported that considerable German mechanized contingents are being concentrated in Sicily. They are supposed to be destined for Libya.

New Ambassador

LONDON, JAN. 27 (UP).—It is reliably reported that the King has agreed to the appointment of Mr John G. Winant as United States Ambassador.

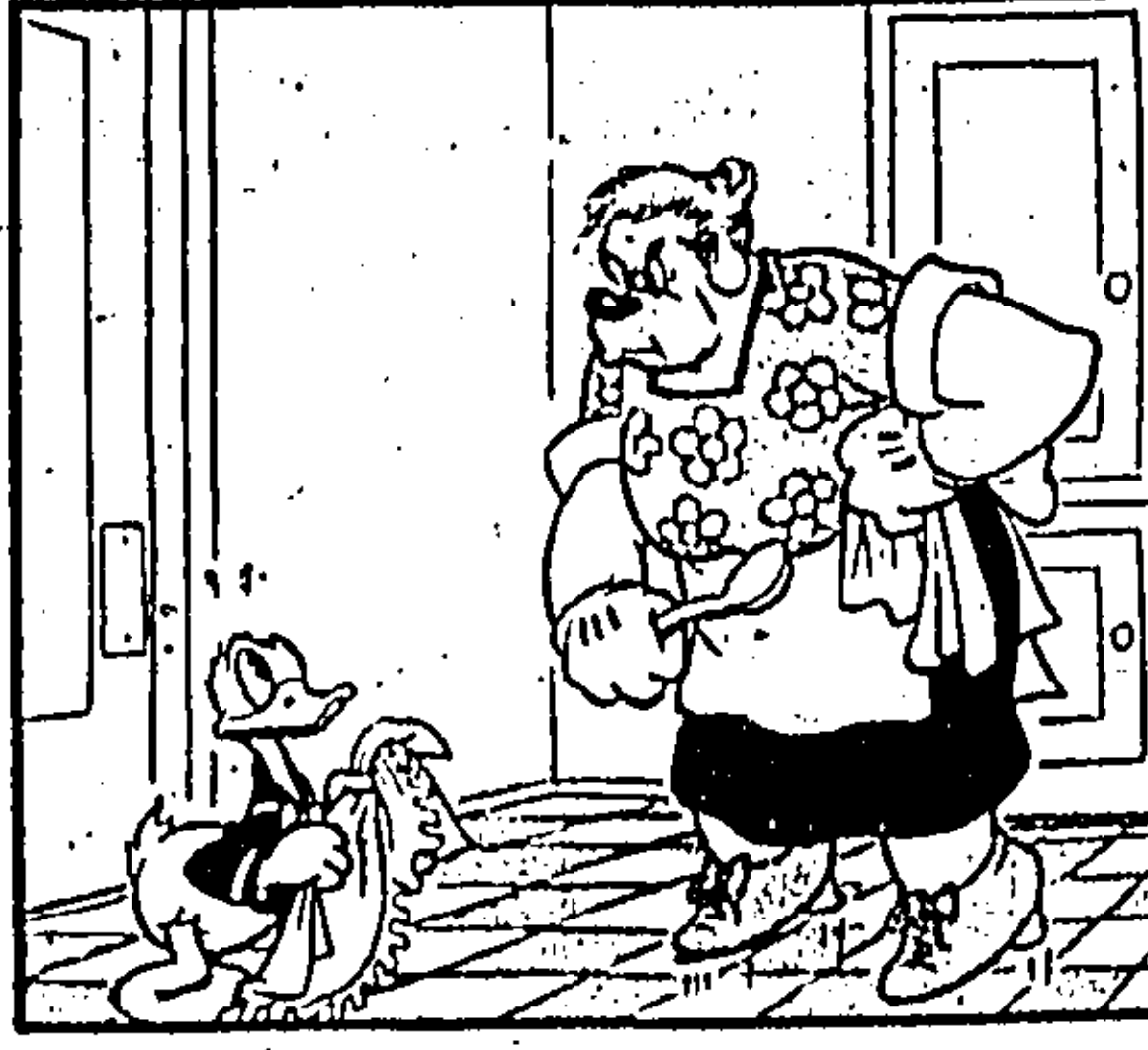
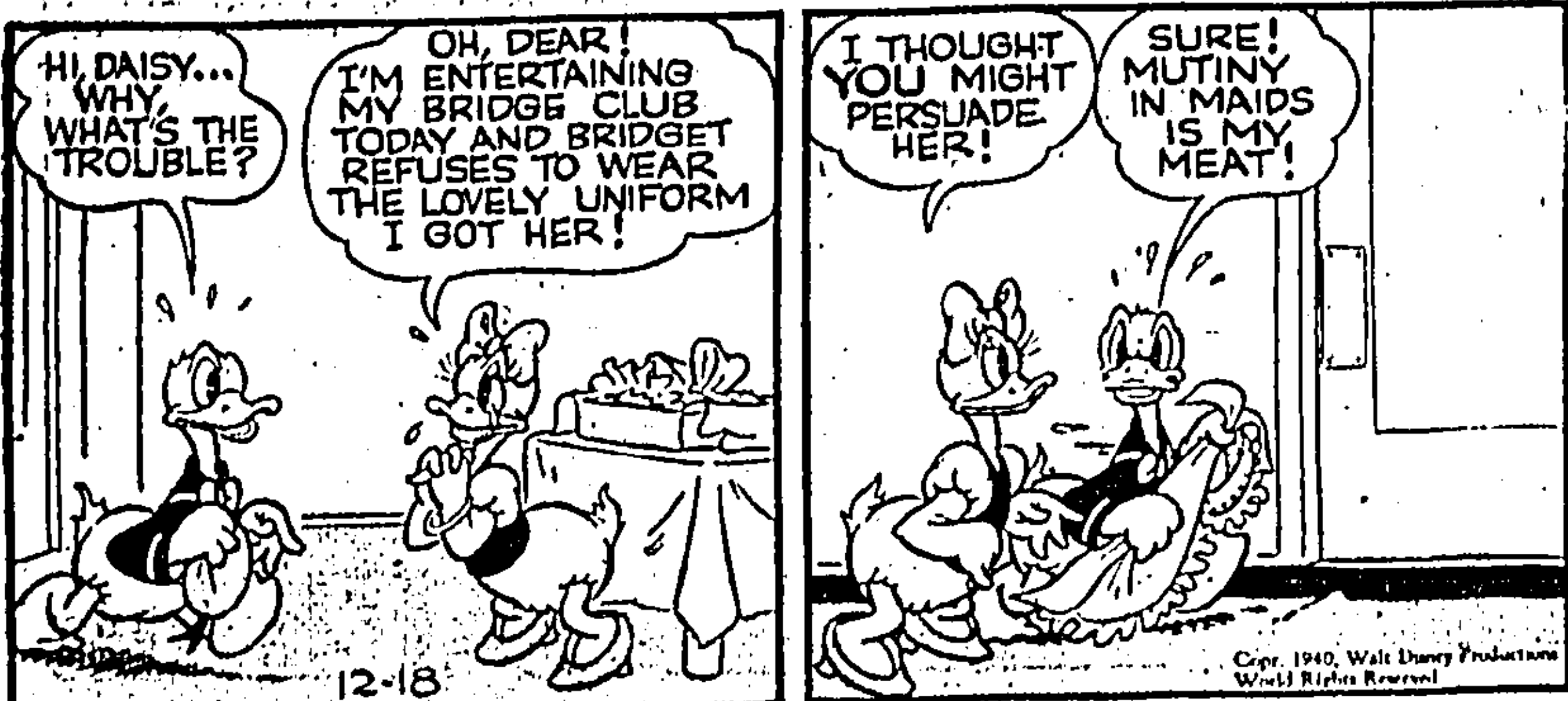
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Konoye's Remarkable Statement In Diet

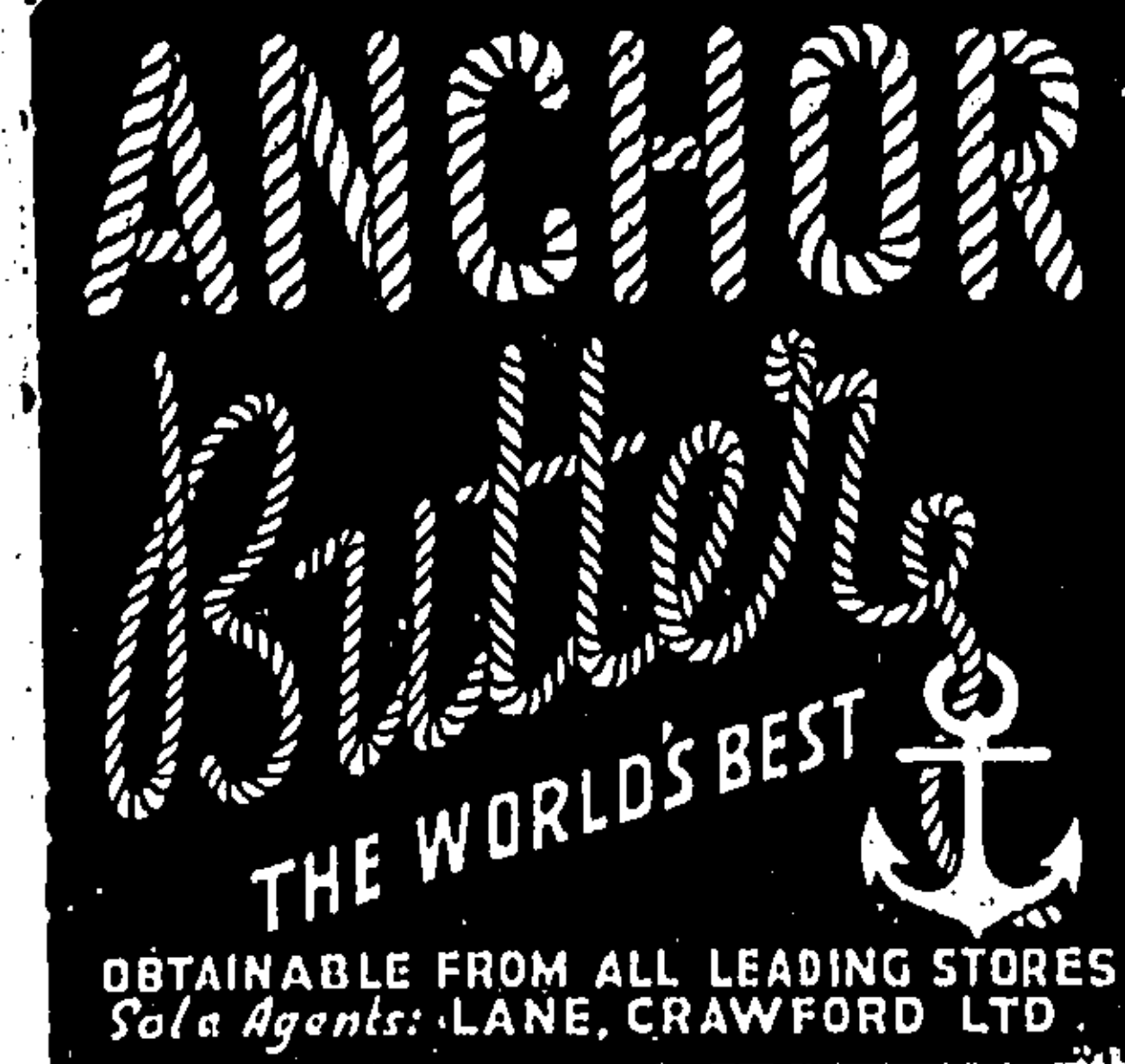
TOKYO, JAN. 27 (REUTER).—Announcing what he called "my last service to the state," the Premier, Prince Konoye, made a remarkable statement on the Sino-Japanese war to the Budget Committee of the Lower House to-day.

"Although the Sino-Japanese conflict has entered its fifth year," he said, "there is little prospect of a settlement. The fighting services are not responsible. It is nobody's responsibility but mine. I feel unpardonable before the Throne and the entire nation that already millions of yen have been spent and thousands of soldiers sacrificed. I am determined to exert myself to the utmost in overcoming this situation as my last service to the state."

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WILLKIE IN ENGLAND

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Jan. 26 (UP).—Mr. Wendell Willkie arrived by plane from western England to-day after a flight from Lisbon.

He told the press that he promised the utmost united American opinion and support to President Roosevelt's "Aid Britain" programme, and said, "I am very glad to be in England for whose cause I have the utmost sympathy."

He was non-committal regarding his plans, insisting only that he was "delighted to be here."

Mr. Willkie wanted to inspect a nearby "hitler" town immediately after he landed at the western air port but was told that an R.A.F. plane was waiting to fly him to the capital. Asked whether he was afraid of being caught in an invasion attempt, he said, "I am not worried about anything."

He said he saw a few instances of severe air-raid damage while enroute from the air port. When asked if he was pessimistic about the situation generally, he said, "Pessimistic? Not a bit!"

To Look Round

LONDON, Jan. 26 (Reuter).—"I have come here to have a look round and deliver a letter from President Roosevelt to Mr. Churchill," declared black-haired, stocky and smiling Mr. Wendell Willkie to "Reuter's" representative on his arrival in London to-day.

"I am not going to say anything now and I have not made any arrangements, but I expect to meet a good few people and see a good deal," Mr. Willkie continued. "I hope to study your political, social and economic conditions."

Mr. Willkie said that he had had a good trip all the way over right up to the landing at 4.45 p.m., which was made in misty, slightly foggy weather. Mr. Willkie was welcomed by representatives of the Prime Minister, the Foreign Office and the American Embassy.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be HELD at the Hongkong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 11th. February, 1941, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st. December, 1940.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 1st. February to TUESDAY, 11th. February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 21st. January, 1941.

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China and Macao 14 cents per copy

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25 cents Saturdays.

FRENCH FASCIST ARRESTED

LONDON, Jan. 26 (Reuter).—Colonel de la Roque, former leader of the French Fascist Organisation and member of the newly-appointed National Council, is reported from Vichy to have been arrested by the Germans as he entered the Occupied Zone.

He was supporter of the Entente Cordiale.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 A Bach Programme.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Magyar Inni & His Orchestra.

Hungarian Gypsies of George Nagy; You Are The Fellow, Friend Tykody; My Little Velvet Hut; Oh! How Long It Seems. You Can't Forbid a Flower; The Sleeves of My Jacket are Tied Up.

1.13 Popular Ballads.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Roy Fox & His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—The Cross-Eyed Cowboy on the Cross-Eyed Horse; Silvery Moon and Golden Sands. Fox-Trots—Riding Down the Sunset Trail; Bird on the Wing. Waltz—A Beautiful Lady in Blue; Fox-Trot—Moon for Sale. Fox-Trots—The Moon Got in My Eyes; It's the Natural Thing to do.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Tchaikowsky—Aurora's Wedding—Ballet Music.

Overture and Polonaise—Adagio and Variations—Bluebird—The Three Ravens and Adagio—Pas de Quatre and Mazurka; London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Efrem Kurtz.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Variety.

Vocal—At The Bathing Parade; Everything Happens to Me (both from the film); Max Miller with Orchestra. Orch.—The Hit Parade (Film). Scholastic Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends. Impersonations—Florence Desmond at a Rehearsal for the Troops; Florence Desmond with Orchestra. Vocal Quartet—I Heard (Redman); St. Louis Blues (Handy); The Four Crochets with Guller; Impersonator—Film. St. Finis; Michael Moore with Effects. Vocal—Rumbogie; My Kind of Music (both from "Top of the World"); Pat Kirkwood with Orchestra. Organ—"Pinocchio" Selection; Reginald Foort. Comedians—Where the Arches Used to be; Flanagan and Allen with Orchestra. Vocal—Polka Dots and Moonbeams (Van Housen); Cecilia (Dreyer); Dick Todd (Baritone) with Orchestra. Accordeons—In A Gypsy Caravan (Myers and Others); Riding the Range in the Sky; Primo Scala's Accordeon Band w. Vocal.

9.0 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: "Scots Abroad".

9.45 Mary Kay (Contralto), Joseph Hislop (Tenor) and the Pipers of the Cameron Highlanders.

My Ain Folk (Lemon, Mills); Mary Kay (Contralto) w. Piano.

Medley of Scottish Airs; Pipers of the 2nd Batt. The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. Bonnie Wee Thing (Fox); MacGregor's Gathering (Lee-arr. Kahn); Joseph Hislop (Tenor) with Piano. Medley of Scottish Airs; Pipers of the 2nd Batt. The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. Annie Laurie; Jessie, The Flower and Dunblane (Smith); Joseph Hislop (Tenor) with Orchestra.

10.15 Aldershot Tattoo, 1938.

Musical Bands of the Aldershot and Eastern Commands.

10.35 Light Orchestral Selections. Songs Without Words—Polpourri; Marek Weber & His Orchestra. The Czardas (Ganne); Szardas from "The Spirit of the Vodyavod" (Grossmann). Vienna By Night (Komzak); Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

11.0 Close down.

Nazis Bomber Claims Hit Ship At Harwich

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Jan. 26 (UP).—Informed circles say that a German reconnaissance plane while off Harwich scored four hits with bombs on a 5,000-ton steamer in a convoy. A big explosion followed by a sheet of flame was observed.

It is "assumed that the ship is a total loss," the report said.

Trawler Gets Bomber

LONDON, Jan. 26 (Reuter).—A German Junkers 88 bomber was shot down by the British trawler, Galvani, this morning.

An Admiralty communiqué states that when attempting to attack the trawler, the plane was so damaged that it crashed soon afterwards on the Norfolk coast.

The trawler suffered no damage or casualties.

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C.N.A.C. PLANE STRANDED

Forced Down In Dry River Bed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Jan. 26 (UP).—The C.N.A.C. radio station here denies that any accident has happened to the C.N.A.C. plane leaving Chungking and they are also unaware of any fatal accident on any other line although their DC-3 made a forced landing through engine trouble on a dry river bed near Changyi, eastern Yunnan at 4 a.m. on January 23 while en route from Hongkong to Kunming on a chartered flight due to engine trouble.

It is understood that there were no passengers on that flight.

Another C.N.A.C. plane en route to Lashio on the afternoon of January 23 landed at an aerodrome near Changyi and later circled low over the DC-3 to ascertain that the crew were safe.

It is expected to take several days to repair the damage.

EASTERN GROUP SUPPLY COUNCIL

LONDON, Jan. 26 (Reuter).—An Eastern Group Supply Council is to be set up with representatives of the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India.

This announcement by the Ministry of Supply adds that in appointing the Council the Government have accepted the recommendation to this effect made by the Conference on supply arrangements east of Suez, which was convened by the Viceroy in October last.

The function of the Council will be the co-ordination of arrangements for the production of munitions and stores in various Empire countries in south and east Africa and Asia, and stores in the Pacific area.



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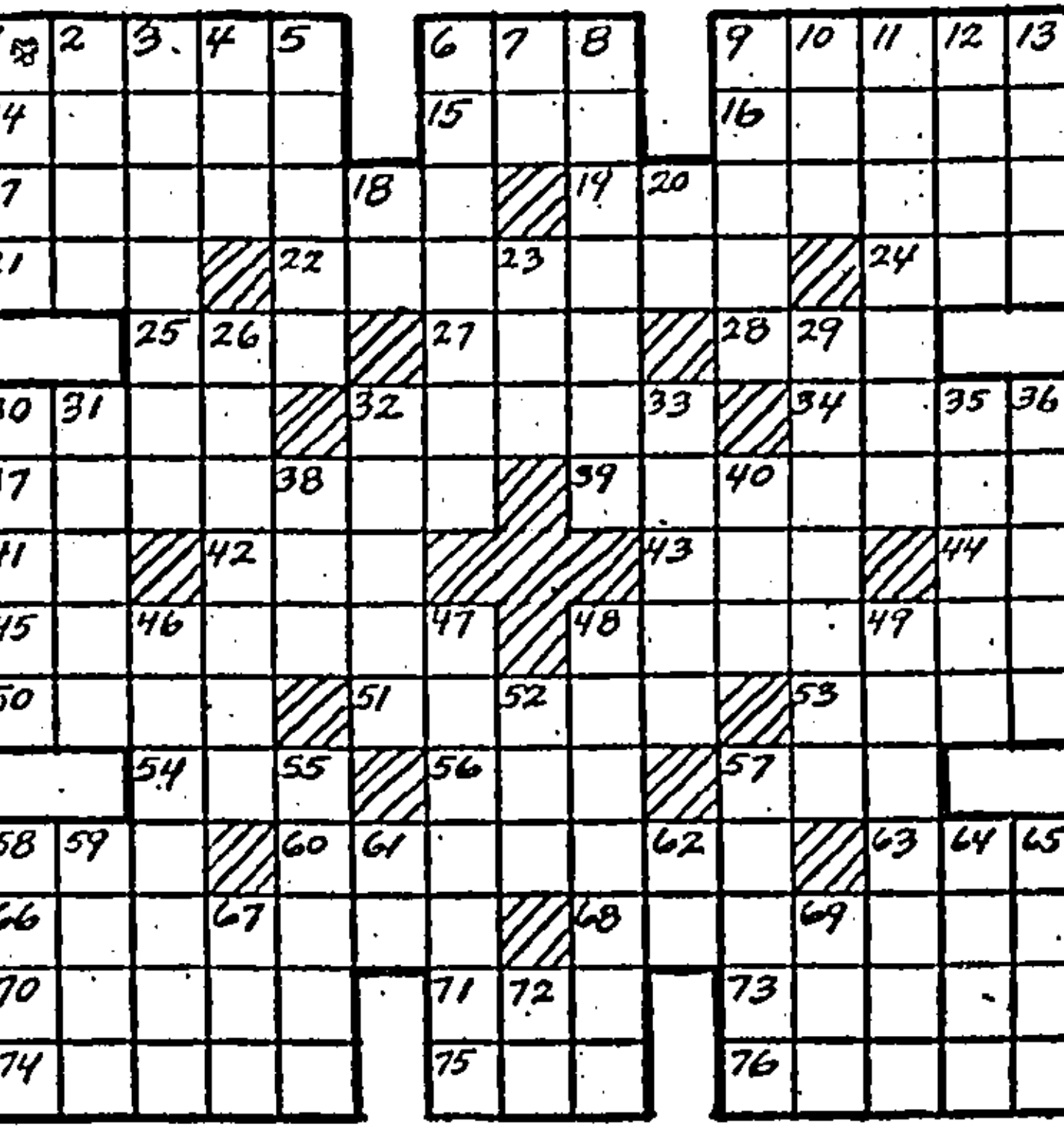
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Requested
2—When track
3—Infirmary
4—First of burden
5—Mistake
6—Recent
7—Crows up
8—Direct
9—Sweet agent
10—One that gives forth
11—Internally (Maori)
12—How?
13—Widow's portion
14—Map
15—Algebraic
16—Lithium
17—Excursive refusal
18—Operative bicycle
19—Delicious
20—Nay
21—Ustin
22—The sun
23—Note of scale
24—Governmental building
25—Bee
26—Spirit
27—Small house
28—Indian exclamation
29—Prohibit
30—Dietary signal
31—Arm-pit
32—Brevet
33—Book of Psalms
34—Literary mode

DOWN

1—Charity
2—Ill with pain
3—Insect
4—Large bird
5—Deity
6—Abraham's birthplace
7—Burial mound
8—Hill slowly
9—Printer's unit
10—Kneel
11—Child
12—Harrington
13—Unfolded
14—Twelfth
15—French wine
16—Narrow path
17—Printer's unit
18—Kind of pillow
19—Buddhist pillar
20—Vessel
21—Festivity
22—Worked
23—Pigmented clay
24—Exposes to air
25—Beer
26—Tavern
27—Western Indian
28—Norse epic
29—Baking chamber
30—Perform
31—You and me
32—Top fear that
33—Stars
34—Exist
35—Needle
36—Look



POST OFFICE

The following increased postage rates for letters will be effective as from 1st February 1941.

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China and Macao, 8 cents for each ounce or part of an ounce.

All countries not specified above, 30 cents for the first ounce and 15 cents for each additional ounce, or part of an ounce.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

On Tuesday, the 28th January, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Taiipo and On Long.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Calcutta and Straits Jan. 28.

United Kingdom and Straits Jan. 28.

United Kingdom, Straits, and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" by sea from Singapore. Jan. 28.

U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai—(San Francisco date 10th January). Jan. 29.

Swatow Jan. 29.

Canton Jan. 30.

Sandakan Jan. 30.

Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 24th January Jan. 31.

Calcutta and Straits Jan. 31.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island 8.30 a.m.

G. P. O. and K. P. O. Reg. Jan. 29, 2.45 p.m.

Ord. Jan. 29, 3.30 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa 3.30 p.m.

Rangoon and Calcutta 3.30 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, and Parcels only for United Kingdom. G. P. O. and K. P. O. Par. Jan. 30, 5.00 p.m.

Reg. Jan. 30, 9.45 a.m.

Ord. Jan. 30, 10.30 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 30

Formosa 3.30 p.m.

Canton Jan. 30, 7.00 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 31

Sandakan 8.30 a.m.

Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"

K.P.O. & G.P.O. Reg. Jan. 31, 10.30 a.m.

Ord. Jan. 31, 11 a.m.

Straits and Calcutta Parcels Jan. 31, 11.00 a.m.

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Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

January 20

Monster Raffle. Many Hongkong Arms, as well as individuals, have advised the Hongkong War Effort Committee of their intention to present valuable prizes to the Monster Raffle which is being organised in aid of the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post and The Hongkong Telegraph. In some cases the prizes are being presented before the Boards of Directors of a number of Companies, and particulars of all prizes will be announced in due course.

The following is the list which was received by Major C. M. Manners, the Chairman of the Committee up to noon on the 19th. Instant.

Sunbeam-Talbot 10 h.p. Sports car, value \$5,950. (Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd.).

Cigarettes to the value of \$500, as follows: Five packs of 100 Gole Fluke cigarettes; five each 1,000 Players cigarettes; five each 1,000 Captain cigarettes; 10 each 1,000 Players cigarettes; 10 each 1,000 Embassy cigarettes (donated by the British-American Tobacco Company (China) Limited);

Prize to the value of \$200. (Oils Elevator Company);

Goods to the value of \$150 (Directors and staff Messrs. Mackintosh's Ltd); G.E.C. Radio set approx. value \$150 (Mr. F. A. Mackintosh);

Two prizes, Vanity Box and compact (Mrs. P. Mackintosh);

B.S.A. 3-speed hub de luxe model bicycle, value \$200. (The British Bicycle Company);

Baby Portable Typewriter, (Messrs. U. Spallinger & Company);

Prizes to the value of \$100. (Messrs. Wang Kee & Company);

Prizes to the value of \$220. (Films Depot);

Silver cigarette case Mr. A. C. Ellis; Silver "lotus" Centrepiece Mr. J. I. Barnes;

Three bottles of wine, Anon; Two prizes: Ladies Shoes, value \$50 per pair (Gordons, Ltd.);

Three prizes: One Tannan's gentleman's Chronometer, one Elern do; one Election do, approx. value \$100 each. (Messrs. Ed. A. Keller & Co.);

One "Pilot" All-wave Radio Receiver, value \$350. (The Hongkong Motor Accessory Company, Ltd.);

The general support which is being given to the raffle makes it evident that the cause considered the sum will be raised to augment the War Fund for the purchase of bombs to be presented by the public of Hongkong to the British Government.

His ship, H.M.S. Tanar, was tried by a disciplinary court on January 17 and found guilty on four charges.

He was charged with an act to the prejudice of naval discipline in striking a temporary Lieutenant, R.N.R.; the cause brought by Mrs. Evelyn Blair to contest an order for her evacuation from the Colony after Police refusal to permit her return to reside here.

The Chief Justice had previously reserved judgment, which he said he would give in writing. He found in favour of the defendant, and the Regulations of 1940 were not ultra vires.

The action had been looked upon as a test case regarding the compulsory evacuation of British women of European descent and refusal to permit them to return. Mrs. Blair brought her action against the Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police, and Mr. E. C. Luscombe, Assistant Superintendent of Police on five points:

(a) for a declaration that Regulation No. 3 of the Defence (Entry Restrictions), Regulations so far as it applies to British subjects resident in the Colony, is ultra vires, void and of no effect;

(b) alternatively, a declaration that the defendants have no power under Regulation No. 3 (b) of the said Regulations to compel the plaintiff to leave the Colony against her will;

(c) an injunction to restrain the defendants or any Police officer authorised by the first defendant from taking action against the plaintiff under the said regulations;

(d) such further and other relief as shall be just; and (e) costs.

Hon. Mr. Leo D'Amato, Jnr., instructed by Mr. E. Davidson, of Hastings and Co., appeared for plaintiff, and defendants were represented by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. E. W. Davies, Crown Solicitor.

S.P.O. Meeting. The Committee of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children held its monthly meeting on January 19. Mr. G. S. Sells assumed his appointment as Chairman for the current year, and a hearty vote of thanks was expressed on behalf of the retiring Chairman, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas.

Mrs. Graham Cumming was welcomed to the Committee, and the Society is grateful for Mrs. Cumming's offer to take over the post of Secretary of the Western Branch.

The Case Report for the month of December, 1940, showed that 385 children were introduced to the various

which resulted in the death of one jockey, Mr. Poon Hon-lin, and serious injuries to another, Mr. F. L. Marcal.

The accident occurred in the opening race, Gordie, ridden by Mr. Marcal, broke away after the start and threw its jockey. The riderless pony continued to race until the hurdle, when it fell against Radium Star, ridden by Mr. Poon, who was unseated. Mr. Poon sustained concussion from which he died later in hospital.

It is not known whether Mr. Poon received his injuries through falling on his head or being struck by one of the ponies whilst lying on the ground. Mr. Marcal received severe internal injuries and it was learned yesterday that he is progressing slowly.

After the race the Stewards held an enquiry and found that no blame could be attached to anyone for the accident.

Mr. Poon had never ridden in Hongkong, and neither has Mr. Marcal. It is recalled that in 1932, a Gold Cup race, which was won by Mr. G. W. Sewell at Happy Valley.

Both Radium Star and Gordie were again taken out in the last race and finished first and second respectively.

Higher cost of living. Householders throughout the Colony have, in the past few days, felt the increase in price of practically all types of meat and vegetables, and causes given for this are interruption of shipments from the Chungshan district and Kwangchow, and increase in consumption due to the proximity of the Chinese New Year.

It is learned that during the week-end substantial shipments of cattle, pigs and fowls were expected from Kwangchow, but none of these consignments arrived.

Since June last year, official supervision of exports has been enforced in the middle of 1940, but new reports that the authorities there have extended the restrictions because of increased local requirements.

Kwangchow and Chungshan are the two chief sources of supply of the commodities mentioned, and supplies from the latter district are also scarce, this being attributed to transportation difficulties and bandit activity.

Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipkin, Controller of Food, commenting upon the report of a shortage of pigs and cattle in Hongkong, said that the position with regard to the quantities of pigs in the Colony was not uncertain, but new cargoes of pigs were expected before Chinese New Year.

Mr. Kennedy-Skipkin added that he had been informed by the Kwangchow manders for cattle by the Kwangchow manders was chiefly responsible for any shortage there might be in Hongkong, and that the quantities of cattle were expected from Bangkok.

To-day's current average prices, per catty of various kinds of meat were as follows: Beef, 1.05; pork, 1.05; mutton, 0.85; chicken, 0.85; ducks, 0.70 cents. These prices are approximately 20 per cent higher than the prices ruling last week, although lower than in the middle of 1940 when prices soared to key high levels.

The normal daily consumption in Hongkong is about 150 cattle and 400 pigs. The new Territories cannot supply any beef or mutton, and can supply only about half the number of pigs required daily.

Centres during the month, and the total number of cases under supervision at December 31 was 1,042, involving approximately 3,000 children. The Society's Inspectors had paid 697 visits to homes during the month.

The Finance Statement indicated that the public of Hongkong were continuing to afford very satisfactory support to the Society, although expenditure in 1941 will not likely fall short of \$28,000.

The Chairman expressed particular thanks to Mr. Li Po-chun for his handsome donation of \$1,200 towards the running expenses of the Ling Yuet Sien Centre for 1941.

Raffle Prizes. The prizes list in the monster War Fund raffle has been further increased by the addition of the following valuable gifts:

One Frigidaire, five cubic feet capacity—value \$600 (Dodwell & Co., Ltd.).

New Morrison Mini-Grand Piano and Bench, value \$650 (donated by the Messrs. Pook and Company);

One 5 K. W. Moffatt Electric Cooking Range with a set of cooking utensils, value \$380. (donated by The Hongkong Electric Company, Ltd.);

One Imperial Portable Typewriter, Model value \$225 (donated by Messrs. Reiss, Bradley & Co., Ltd.);

One case of Pommery & Greno Champagne Extra Secq, Macgregor & Co., Ltd.);

One Special Silver Cigarette Box Souvenir of the Centenary of the Colony (being made and donated by Messrs. George Falconer & Co. (Hongkong) Ltd.);

A copy of a "collection of Famous Pictures of the Sun Dynasty" (donated by The Commercial Press, Ltd.).

The value of the prize list has now passed the \$11,000 mark.

No Flower Show. It is learned that at a meeting of the Committee of the Hongkong Horticultural Society it has been decided that there be no Flower and Vegetable Show this year, owing to adverse conditions largely brought about by the evacuation of large numbers of women and children from the Colony.

No site for the show easy of access is available, as in past years, and with the evacuation of large numbers of women and children from the Colony the potential attendance has been greatly reduced. Costs of erecting malsheds are another consideration, and it is estimated that expenses would be more than double those of the previous show.

Under the circumstances it has been unanimously decided that the Society should not attempt to stage a show this year.

Review Of

The

Principal

Topics

January 19

To Jan. 25

Wednesday

January 22

Badminton. In the B division of the badminton league to-night, St. Andrew's beat Police 8-1, Kowloon beat St. John's 5-4 and Victoria Recreation Club beat Jewish Recreation Club 5-4.

Scores: St. Andrew's at home, beat Police 8-1.

E. F. Fincher and F. Kew beat W. Gillies and L. Gordon 21-18, beat H. Dingsdale and J. Ferrier 21-5, beat S. A. and J. Shepherd 21-2.

A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray beat Gillies and Gordon 21-9, beat Dingsdale and Ferrier 21-9, beat S. A. and J. Shepherd 21-5.

M. M. Davies and B. Killisple lost to Gillies and Gordon 15-21, beat Dingsdale and Ferrier 21-18, beat S. A. and J. Shepherd 21-5.

The Jewish Recreation Club lost to Victoria Recreation Club 4-5.

J. Odell and M. Talan (J.R.C.) lost to D. N. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn 21-23, beat A. A. Remedios and F. M. de V. Soares 21-12.

A. R. Polak and L. Landau lost to Xavier and Rumjahn 10-21, lost to Remedios and Castro 21-23, lost to Basto and Soares 7-21.

St. John's lost to Kowloon at St. John's Hall.

D. Kwok and E. Kennard lost to A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth 11-21, beat J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones 21-18, lost to A. E. P. Guests and E. Zimmerman 15-21.

N. L. Smith and P. Wilson beat Fisher and Wynter-Blyth 21-13, beat Anderson and Jones 21-19, beat Guest and Zimmerman 21-16.

R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd lost to Fisher and Wynter-Blyth 12-21, lost to Anderson and Jones 6-21, lost to Guest and Zimmerman 6-21.

Apparal Dismissed. Written judgments on the appeal brought by Messrs. Rufus Hwang, Wong Sun-yn and Lee Sung-po, members of the Municipal Council, were delivered by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams and Mr. Justice A. Fraser in the Full Court to-day.

The appeal, which was dismissed with costs against an order made by the Chief Justice in an original summons that Mr. Huang cease to be a trustee of the College and a member of the Council. The respondents were Dr. S. W. Ts'o and Messrs. Lim Tse-fung and Mok Hing-chung, the other members of the College Council.

In his judgment, Mr. Justice Williams said that the dispute, which arose out of the raising of loans for a new building, was deplorable and one which must have done incalculable harm to the College.

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Thursday

January 23

Happy Valley Tragedy. A tragedy of a type that has occurred too frequently in the history of Hongkong shocked the Happy Valley district to-day, when a great retaining wall collapsed as the result of the heavy rain and buried the caretaker's quarters of the Seventh Day Adventist School in Ventris Road. The woman caretaker, Ho So-wan, 26, her husband, Ip Wai-sun, 30, their baby of a few months, and the woman's aged mother, were all killed.

The retaining wall was constructed some months ago for which the steep slope of the hill below has been excavated for a long distance. Having obtained advice and been assured that the wall was safe, the Seventh Day Adventist Mission built a two-roomed dwelling for their caretaker under the wall and just behind and above the Church.

At 8 a.m. yesterday the husband, who worked at the Hongkong Sanatorium (former Yew Wo Hospital) according to neighbours, left the house, but returned for some reason. He was hardly inside when the retaining wall came down upon it, apparently thrust outward by tons of mud and accumulated rainwater. A telephone message brought the Fire Brigade, but the rescue task was hopeless. The firemen dug for some time, but failed to reach the buried house and handed over the job to the Public Works Department.

Half an hour later, the tragedy might have been greater. The school children arrived at 8.30 to find the swing in their playground destroyed by the collapse and the school closed for the day.

Sister's Lucky Escape. Miss Irene Ho, 10-year-old sister of the woman-caretaker, who is employed by Mrs. C. F. Larson, wife of the Mission padre, had a narrow escape. She usually visits her sister each morning about eight o'clock, but yesterday arrived a little later than usual and only just after the landslide had occurred.

Nearby residents say that they heard shrieks coming from the buried house just as the retaining wall above crumbled down and crashed into the building.

The presence of large chunks of granite and big slabs of reinforced concrete, which had formed part of the retaining wall, greatly impeded the clearance work. It was nearly 11 a.m. before firemen and coolies had cleared away sufficient debris to get to the buried house, which, though having granite walls and concrete floors, was flattened out like a house of cards before a wind.

The first articles retrieved were some pieces of clothing which apparently had been hung to dry in the side-hut. Later the window curtains were visible but it was past three o'clock in the afternoon before the first body was sighted. It was that of Ip. He had been caught un-

der a heavy beam which crushed his chest and pinned him to the ground. The roof, however, saved him from being entirely covered with earth. It was fully an hour before his body was recovered.

The other three bodies were recovered before 6 p.m. yesterday when all were taken to the mortuary for post mortem examinations.

Yacht For Raffle. One of the latest prizes donated for the monster War Fund Raffle is a yacht valued at \$4,000 which has been offered to the organizers of the raffle by Messrs. Wing On Shing, shipbuilders of Cheungshawan.

In a letter to the Hongkong War Effort Committee, the donors write: "We have been greatly pleased to be able to contribute to the various needs of the War effort, and we beg to offer a new yacht as a prize in the description of the yacht as follows:

Length overall 27 ft 6 in; length waterline 26 ft; beam eight feet; draft 4 feet 6 in.

Value "\$4,000." A picture of the yacht will be published to-morrow.

Other prizes donated for the raffle are: 20 cases Ewo Beer.

5 cases White Horse Whisky. Donated by Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd.

One Ebel Diamond Watch, value \$400. Donated by Messrs. Ullmann & Co.

One case Grant's Scotch Whisky, value \$35. 3 cartons Schlitz Beer, Pilsa, value \$27.50. 3 cases Foster Export Lager Beer, value \$24.50. Donated by Messrs. L. H. Gordon & Company.

G.E.C. Overseas Ten Radio Receiver, value \$50. Donated by The General Electric Co. of China, Ltd.

"Battleship" Brand Flour, value \$75. Donated by Messrs. H. Scott & Co., Ltd.

One Bench Canoe and paddle, one Case Port Wine, donated by Messrs. H. Scott & Co., Ltd.

One case "H.B." Beer, donated by the Hongkong Brewery and Distillery Ltd.

100 Tins (7,500 pcks.) "Banker" Cigarettes, the 500. 20 Cartons (4,000 pcks.) "Golden Dragon" Cigarettes, pkts. 100.

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Friday

January 24

Detective Shot Dead. A Chinese detective was killed and another severely wounded in a burst which seven armed desperadoes attempting to enter British territory from Chinese territory through a gap in the barbed wire at Shatukok to-day.

Detective Constables Li Yim and Chan Hung were on duty at the gap, searching Chinese coming through when seven unknown Chinese attempted to pass through. On the other side of the barbed wire dividing British and Chinese territory was an armed Japanese sentry.

When challenged by the two detectives, several of the Chinese drew revolvers and opened fire from point blank range, killing Li instantaneously, Chan was shot in the arm.

The firing occurred within a few yards of the Shatukok Blockhouse and there was a steady stream of Chinese entering the Colony. Pandemonium immediately reigned, women and children shrieking and breaking for cover in all directions.

The gunmen had in the meantime dashed back into Chinese territory.

Only last Wednesday week another Chinese detective met his death in almost similar circumstances when he challenged Chinese in a street in Tai-O, Lantau Island.

Ex-I.L.K. Boy Missing. News has been received in Hongkong of the disappearance of a Hongkong boy on active service with the Royal Air Force. He is Mr. Arthur Haven, son of Mr. O. B. Haven, an architect still in local practice.

In a letter received by Mr. Haven, it is stated that his son was one of a squadron sent up to intercept German raiders who were on their way to attack a convoy.

Mr. Haven was born in Canada, and he and his two sisters went to the Central British School in Hongkong. He left the Colony six years ago to enter the Liverpool School of Architecture. He was 27 years old and had just set for his R.I.E.A. examination. His father, Mr. O. B. Haven, who will be remembered here by many friends, is at present on war service as an engineer at Shrivvenham in England.

Questioned why the authorities decided against the use of shaft ventilation in tunnels. The question was asked to-day, the purpose was that every man, woman and child should receive instructions which would be of use in case of emergency.

Test for a hand-driven fan for ventilation would be carried out in the near future, capable of being driven into the tunnels by hand. The fan would be successful, mechanically driven fans would be installed in all tunnels requiring them.

Badminton Championships. At a meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Badminton Association to-day, Mr. S. A. Gray, President, in the chair, it was decided to hold the following championships this season—Men's singles, senior (junior), women's doubles, mixed doubles (junior), women's doubles, mixed doubles (senior), and men's singles, junior.

The holding of which is subject to there being at least six entries for each. In the case of the junior singles, the proviso is that it will only be held if there are at least eight entries for the senior section; if the entries fall below that number they will be referred by the sub-committee to the Council for further consideration.

Entries by players not attached to clubs affiliated with the Association are accepted but they are subject to the discretion of the sub-committee as to whether they should be entered in the senior or junior section. At the same time, what players Club is invited to state what standard of Club they have been playing.

No senior league players can play in junior championships, but junior players can play in senior championships. The following sub-committee was appointed to supervise the competitions—R.A.S.C. (senior), L. H. Gordon & Co. (senior), Oliveira, P. K. Hui, J. Shepherd, and Mr. Talan (senior).

The question whether St. John's should 20th R.A. be transferred to the A division of the Signals and other sections of the community, and other sections of the community, was discussed and it was decided they be allowed to remain in the B Engineers' division.

Prices of Meats. The price of chickens soared from \$1.80 per catty on Wednesday to \$3 per catty to-day. It is a Chinese custom that, along with other dishes, chickens should be served on New Year's Eve. As an average fowl weighs between two and a half and three catties, this expensive bill of fare is beyond the means of many Chinese. The prices of other meats have also been increased.

Punctually at 12 midnight long strings of crackers were let off throughout the Colony. Occasional firing was heard until the early hours of this morning, but from reports received there appeared to be less firing of crackers this year.

KOWLOON DANCE. Although not as well attended as in previous years, the Chinese New Year dance held at the Kowloon Cricket Club supplied a good evening's entertainment. Music was provided by the dance orchestra of the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots, by the permission of Lieut-Col. D. J. McDougall, M.C., and Officers.

League Football. League and Cup football results for the week-end were as follows:

Lai Wai Cup

First Division

0 St. Joseph's 0

0 Sing Tao 0

0 Royal Scots 0

Second Division

0 R.A.O.C. 0

2 South China 2

1 Middlesex 1

3 Club 3

0 Sing Tao 0

0 Royal Scots 0

Third Division

1 24th R.A. 1

0 Shell 0

4 A.S.A. 4

2 35th R.A. 2

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DEATH

CARROLL. At her residence, 13 Bowen Road, Hongkong, on Monday, January 27, 1941, at 9 a.m., Mrs. Rose Carroll. Funeral at the Catholic Cemetery; will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

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SPORT HAS A PART TO PLAY

A TEAM of Japanese swimmers passing through Hongkong last week gave a demonstration in the fresh water pool of the European Y.M.C.A. and incidentally made an attack on local aquatic records, most of which are already held by their compatriots. The attendance was unworthy of the event but the keen sportsmen and sports-women who were there represented various nationalities and callings and they were united in enthusiastic appreciation of the prowess of the visitors.

Two records fell during the short time that the Japanese were in the water, the breast stroke time for 200 yards and the free-style time for 220 yards; the last-named record would have been considerably more impressive if it had not been incidental, the distance actually swum in the event being 440 yards. These facts speak volumes for the fitness and standard of all members of the team but other facts are worthy of notice too. The sincerity of tributes paid to the exhibition were an apt reminder that sport is a creed common to all, and the opportunity to drop, for a while, the mask of anxiety and suspicion with which most things Japanese are regarded at the present time must have provoked regrets among thinking people present that many sports are a pastime overshadowed by grimmer events and that the fraternal spirit of Olympics is reflected ever more faintly in the chivalries that have previously not been entirely absent from such final events even as war. Whether athletes ever let their thoughts wander on this rather ethereal plan is a matter for doubt but at any rate the sentiment is worth nourishing if we are to keep a sense of proportion in the various "new orders" that are to come.

It was reported by the Japanese news agency last week that the finger of prejudice had pointed at the very popular opera "Madame Butterfly," written 37 years ago by Puccini, and describing the tragic love story of a girl and an American naval officer. Without doubt this particular incident—the opera is said to have grown distasteful to the Japanese public and will not be played—it is noticeable that the Nazi and Fascist regimes early realised the strong ties that linked influential bodies of their people to similar cultural and sporting though foreign and anti-fascist groups. They acted quickly, but because they realised that it is impossible to extinguish the spirit and soul that inspire devotees of the arts and sports, they proceeded to train their growth into ordered channels to glorify the race and State. This was clearly prostituting both culture and sports-manship and unfavourable reactions

LULL IN NAZI AIR ACTIVITY

Three Possible Reasons

(BY "REUTERS" AIR CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Jan. 27.—Three possible reasons were advanced to-day for the lull in German air activity over Britain which has led to London enjoying its first week without a raid since September.

They are their order of credibility, (1) bad weather on the continent; (2) German's two-front air war; (3) re-equipment and retraining. There can be no certainty as to the causes but the above reasons command themselves in well-informed quarters where there is no belief that the present inactivity is in any way mysterious.

Bad Weather

The Low Countries and northern France are drenched in a thaw following the recent sharp frost and snowfall. Many of the German airbases are probably flooded, and others are temporarily unserviceable.

The weather generally on the other side of the English Channel in the past week has been most unfavourable for flying since the great freeze earlier last year. Seventy-five per cent of the German aircraft may be attributed to this factor.

R.A.F. operations have been severely restricted for the same reason. Weather forecasts have been gloomy enough to persuade the Bomber Command that creating a great difficulty in locating their targets and bombing them accurately.

The weather apart, there is little doubt that the necessary redistribution of forces for her air war on two fronts is having some immediate effect on the striking power of Germany's air force in Western Europe.

How lasting these will be depends on the scale of German commitments in the Mediterranean and that in itself may depend on how critical becomes Italy's position. New squadrons have arrived at Sicilian bases and Heinkel 111 bombers have appeared in action.

Reserving Luftwaffe

The present indications are that the Luftwaffe will be reserved for attacking the British Fleet its Mediterranean bases, for action in Albania (where the weather limits its use at present), or it is even possible for the defence of an Italy short of its empire and a back door to Germany itself.

The re-equipment of squadrons remaining in northern France and the Low Countries in preparation for what probably will be a decisive air clash with Britain is no doubt being pushed ahead. This would enable crews temporarily without planes to enjoy a much needed rest after six months of continuous action. One new German fighter—Heinkel 113—is in service already and Fockewulf and subsidiary factories have been busy for months past turning out new fighters and bombers.

It is certain that the Luftwaffe, re-freshed and to some extent re-equipped, will take the earliest opportunity to return to full operations over Britain by night and day and maintain this offensive as much as its commitments elsewhere and R.A.F. retaliation will permit.

S. African Budget

CAPETOWN, Jan. 27 (Reuters).—When the Union Parliament re-opened to-day, the Minister of Finance, Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr, revealed that £14 millions sterling would be required for defence in addition to about £60 millions already spent on defence for this financial year.

British Initiative In Mediterranean War

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Jan. 26 (UP).—To-day's General Headquarters communiqué states that the British have occupied Biscia in Italian Eritrea and are being reinforced around Bena at the other end of the North African front.

"Biscia is now in our hands together with a further hundred prisoners. Operations east of Biscia towards Agordat are continuing. In Italian Somaliland, all continue forward patrols and vigorous action in the extended area of penetration into hostile territory."

"In the Melema (Abyssinia) area, our pressure is continuing." An R.A.F. communiqué said that the aerodrome at Marau was raided last night. The aerodrome at Darce was also attacked and an Italian fighter plane was destroyed on the ground at Giarabub.

"In Italian East Africa, our aircraft gave intensive support to the army's successful advance east of Keru. Dive attacks were made on motor transports concentrated on the road near Tella with considerable effect. A successful attack was made on Boular in the vicinity of El Bassan, Albania, last Saturday. All bombs fell within the target area and direct hits were made on a military camp and on an advance supply depot."

It was reported by the Japanese news agency last week that the finger of prejudice had pointed at the very popular opera "Madame Butterfly," written 37 years ago by Puccini, and describing the tragic love story of a girl and an American naval officer.

Without doubt this particular incident—the opera is said to have grown distasteful to the Japanese public and will not be played—it is noticeable that the Nazi and Fascist regimes early realised the strong ties that linked influential bodies of their people to similar cultural and sporting though foreign and anti-fascist groups. They acted quickly, but because they realised that it is impossible to extinguish the spirit and soul that inspire devotees of the arts and sports, they proceeded to train their growth into ordered channels to glorify the race and State. This was clearly prostituting both culture and sports-manship and unfavourable reactions

both among the English-speaking peoples and other democratic nations were not surprising. Yet there is cause to believe that eventually the peoples of the world can be drawn together in peace and harmony through the common bonds of sport, which in their purest form are not forced by the highest principles of honour and justice.

SHANGHAI TRADE PROSPECTS

Adverse Factors Multiply

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Jan. 27 (UP).—American businessmen have reported that the intensified American export licensing control is drastically curtailing the business of manufacturing in China and Japan and is confronting some foreign companies with the necessity of closing down. At the same time the control is affecting Japan's accumulation of war supplies.

It is understood that it is especially severe in the field of metal exports of which there are very few reserves in China as a result of Japan buying up almost all of the China reserves during the past six months.

Authoritative circles confirm that since the first of the year, Washington has not issued a single steel or tin sheet license to the occupied areas of China and said that American armament requirements and not a direct embargo against Japan, were apparently responsible.

Adverse business conditions in addition to adverse prospects—from the freezing of credits in the United States, strict export licensing and tense Japanese-American relations—resulted in numerous New York companies instructing their China branches to prepare for a drastic curtailment of operations and a possible discontinuance.

Closing Down

The National City Bank which has already closed its Hankow branch, closing its Osaka branch and has been instructed to liquidate all China property holdings. The British American Tobacco Company has released a score of tobacco experts. Leading Shanghai brokers are sharply curtailing their staffs. Over a score of small American business firms have been closed since the end of the year, the owners returning to the United States, and many others are planning to do the same before May 1.

INDIA LABOUR PROBLEMS

NEW DELHI, Jan. 27 (Reuters).

The need to concentrate on winning the war should not stand in the way of peaceful preparation to meet the new conditions that come with peace, said Sir Ramsay Mudaliar, Commerce Member of the Government of India, opening the second Labour Conference.

He said that when the war is over, tremendous problems of reconstruction are bound to arise and that it will be wise to seek a solution now.

Willkie To Visit De Valera

DUBLIN, Jan. 27 (Reuters).—Mr. Eamon de Valera, the Premier of Eire, when told that Mr. Wendell Willkie had expressed a desire to visit him, said: "I would be very pleased to see him."

It is understood now that Mr. Willkie may go to Eire next week.

Hoisting Of Union Jack In H.K.

It was erroneously stated in the "Telegraph" Leader on Saturday last that the Union Jack was hoisted on January 26, 1941, at Stanley. The correct reference appeared in our Century—Supplement—which revealed that the British flag was hoisted at Possession Point. We apologise for creating any false impression regarding this historic incident.

Tokyo Looks To Air Raid Precautions

Houses Can Resist Bombing

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 27 (Domei).—Built to withstand earthquakes, large modern buildings in Japan are believed to resist aerial attacks, a special committee of the Japanese Architectural Society has established, the "Asahi Shimbun" reported. The committee's official report which will be made public soon, will point out that in order to make them resist earthquakes, Japanese buildings have been built in floors of reinforced concrete while buildings in other lands are not so strengthened.

The committee believes that buildings in Japan will not collapse although they admit that a direct hit by a 100-kilogramme bomb would kill all occupants in the sixth, fifth, and fourth floors of a six-storey building. The second floor will be the safest as the first will be as dangerous as the sixth because of explosions in the street.

The committee suggests the doubling of the average thickness of the highest floor to 30 centimetres creating a detonation armour against bombs, while the lodge jutting out beyond the walls will form additional defence against slanting hits.

B. W. O. F. Ball And Cabaret

Rose Room On Friday

Under the Patronage of the Governor, the British War Organisation Fund Executive Committee has organised a Ball to be held in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel, on Friday next, January 31.

Judging from the sale of tickets the number of persons is expected to exceed 800.

A first class Cabaret has been arranged, with Nellie Field in a Spanish Dance; Herbert Tong, Gloria Yee and Dora Chow performing their famous "Jitterbug" number; Elsie Soong together with Barbara, Donald and Gerald Soong. A continuous Dance by members of the Mobile Detachment, H.K.V.D.C., and a couple of other surprises.

Mr. Y. K. Sze who needs no further introduction to Hongkong will sing several numbers from his extensive repertoire.

Two orchestras, Art Carneiro and his Boys and the Dance Band of the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots, will play. In addition to the Raffle which is offering five very attractive prizes, everyone who buys a ticket has a chance of winning one of the twelve Lucky Number prizes. Tickets are available at the Hongkong and Peninsula Hotels.

Nazi Shot Down

LONDON, Jan. 27 (Reuters).—A German bomber, which crossed the east coast this afternoon, was shot down after it had dropped bombs which killed several persons, according to the Air Ministry.

Earlier in the day, a German bomber had dropped bombs on a north-east coast town, injuring a few persons.

PRETORIA, Jan. 27 (Reuters).—The South African air force is immediately to undergo considerable expansion, according to an official announcement. Several thousand pilots will be required.

FUKUOKA, Jan. 27 (Domei).—Lieut-General Sekichiro Iwakaki, Chief of Staff of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces to China, stopped at Fukuoka briefly this morning en route to Tokyo to confer with the Central Army authorities.

Soviet Experts Doubt Nazi Invasion Success

MOSCOW, Jan. 26 (Reuters).—"The Germans will encounter very serious difficulties if they attempt to invade Britain," declares a writer in the Soviet military review, "Red Star."

The writer adds that the powerful German military machine is apparently not powerful enough to cross the Channel, controlled by the strong British Fleet, and though the menace of invasion exists, Britain's resistance is now much stronger than in 1940.

"Germany would require colossal strength in order successfully to carry out an invasion."

The writer adds that Britain has now abandoned her traditional policy of defence and has taken the initiative.

"The British machine, learning from bitter experience, has switched

GERMANS POUR INTO ITALY

Resentment Riots Are Denied

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Jan. 26 (UP).—High Italian quarters categorically denied reports from foreign sources that German troops are pouring into Italy and emphasised that only German flying units have crossed Italy in accordance with the announced Italo-German aviation collaboration in the Mediterranean. They also denied that there was rioting in Milan and Turin and added that no demonstrations whatsoever had occurred.

Quartered With Italians

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 26 (UP).—Ankara Radio announced that German troops are arriving in Italy in a steady stream and have been sent southward. German staff officers have been dispatched to Italian staff quarters and have taken up their duties alongside Italian officers.

German Refutation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Jan. 26 (UP).—Authorized sources ridiculed reports from abroad that there was rioting at Milan and Turin and added: "We know absolutely nothing here about it."

Cutter Investigates Distress Call

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26 (UP).—The Coast Guards, the Navy and Mackay Radio all intercepted a distress signal from a ship about 900 miles off Southern California.

Mackay Radio was of the opinion that it was a boat since the call letters KFLB are assigned to that station at present. The Coast Guard dispatched the cutter Hermes to investigate. Their version of the message was "being shelled by raider."

The Navy radio at San Francisco version was "SSS shelled unknown man," possibly indicating that the operator was a white sending "man of war" while SSS indicates a submarine attack.

The Hermes speed is 22 knots hence it will take two days to reach the location. She carries one 3-inch gun and 2 one pounders.

Congress Leftist Leader Missing

CALCUTTA, Jan. 27 (Reuters).

Subhas Chandra Bose, the well-known Congress Leftist leader, is missing, nothing has been heard of him since yesterday when he left his bedroom where he had been confined through ill-health since his release from detention on December 5. His relatives are anxious.

Court Issues Warrant

CALCUTTA, Jan. 27 (Reuters).

Subhas Chandra Bose, former President of the All-India Congress, who was due to appear to-day before the Court in connection with the seven-months old case against him, failed to appear. The Court issued a warrant.

Burma Mission Back

RANGOON, Jan. 27 (Reuters).

The Burma Journalists Mission has returned after a three weeks' tour of Chungking and other Chinese cities. They journeyed on the Burma-Yunnan Road by bus provided by the Chinese Highways Commission.

CHUNGKING, Jan. 27 (Central News).—Registration of cotton, cotton cloth, linen, leather, coal, charcoal, paper, soap, matches and oils in stock in Chungking as a measure to prevent hoarding and price manipulation was completed at the Price Stabilisation Committee yesterday.

CHUNGKING, Jan. 27 (Central News).

Mr. Wu Shiang-yung, Chairman of the Economic Affairs Committee of the Legislative Yuan, has been appointed Secretary-General of the Yuan, succeeding Mr. Liang Hanchao who has been transferred to another post.

Circumstances have made it necessary for His Excellency the Acting Governor to change the date of his visit to "The Thief of Baghdad" at the King's Theatre from January 29 to January 30.

NEW DELHI, Jan. 26 (Reuters).—Lieut-General Claude J. E. Auchinleck, the new Commander-in-Chief, India, has been given command in succession to General Sir Robert Sessels.

VICE-PREMIER OF RUMANIA SOUGHT FOR PART IN UNSUCCESSFUL REVOLT

By F. E. Stevens, "United Press" Staff Correspondent
BUCHAREST, Jan. 26 (UP).—Thousands of people have been lined up throughout the day waiting to enter the morgue in search of missing relatives or friends. Scores of soldiers patrol the morgue area with tanks and machine-guns although it is quiet throughout the city.

To-day I motored through the city in an effort to estimate the damage and visited the morgue where it is apparent that the great majority of the victims are Jews. The majority of shops in the Jewish quarter have been smashed badly and there is also evidence of fierce fighting in addition to gangster looting and destruction.

The luxurious home of the munitions manufacturer king, M. Malaxa, resembled a battle-scarred and bombed house. High circles said that the Malaxas home became a rebel arsenal. The whereabouts of M. Malaxa is unknown but it is persistently reported that a military court sentenced him to 30 years in prison for supporting the insurgents. Although official circles continue to affirm the fact that Horia Sima, has been arrested, many quarters are convinced that he is still hiding. Meanwhile, the official funeral of the officers and men killed in the insurrection will be held on Monday. It is reported from Brasov that after 50 hours of fierce fighting in the leading commercial city of Transylvania, Brasov was won over by General Antonescu's men.

Fighting Continuing
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
RUSTCHUK, Jan. 26 (UP).—Reports from the frontier say that fighting at Brasov is continuing and it is reported that Horia Sima is leading the insurgents.

Secondly, partial mobilisation is occurring in Rumania, but there are no details. Thirdly, 1,500 to 2,000 Jews have disappeared in Bucharest. German troops are still in the squares and cross roads in Bucharest to-day and fighting is still going on in the suburbs.

Sima Not Located
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Jan. 26 (UP).—Reports from Bucharest say that Horia Sima has not yet been located but all firing has ceased at Bucharest and the city is quiet.

General Antonescu is apparently master of the situation. **Bratiansu For Post**
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUDAPEST, Jan. 26 (UP).—The morning newspaper "Regul" reports from Bucharest that George Bratiansu, reputed to be pro-German is scheduled to be appointed Foreign Minister of Rumania.

Estimated Casualties
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MOSCOW, Jan. 26 (UP).—Unconfirmed dispatches from Bucharest say at least 2,500 have been killed in Bucharest and 3,000 in the provinces. Hundreds of Jews have been killed, wounded or abducted.

Death Squad
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUCHAREST, Jan. 26 (UP).—Official sources say that the Vice Premier, Horia Sima headed the death squad that executed 132 persons at Jilava prison recently. They denied that General Antonescu advocated suicide for rebels although the General issued a communique saying, "It is best that the elements holding out the Iron Guards know how to punish themselves."

Marital Law Areas
LONDON, Jan. 26 (Reuter).—Ac-

AERIAL PATROL FOR RAIDER?

Australians At Honolulu

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HONOLULU, Jan. 26 (UP).—One Australian plane landed at the Pan-American base at 11:20 a.m. The plane circled over Pearl Harbor twice before landing after which it taxied to a pontoon at the dock. The plane carried a crew of ten men. Three were from the Consolidated Fleet and were headed by Captain E. J. Greer. The seven Australians were headed by Captain P. G. Taylor.

Captain Taylor said that only one plane left San Diego and made no comments as to future plans. However, it is learned that the plane will refuel here. It is noteworthy that both the Australians and Americans had already made hotel reservations. Captain Taylor said that he was unable to comment on the report that the plane is seeking Nazi raiders; however, any arms that might be on the plane were not apparent. Captain Greer said that the Americans are returning to the mainland from Honolulu.

The plane flew in low over Diamond Head and residents in that district said that the roar of the motors shook their houses. It proceeded at a low altitude along the coast to Pearl Harbor apparently due to the crew being unfamiliar with the territory in addition to a low hanging mist.

Man Hunt Starts
BUCHAREST, Jan. 26 (Reuter).—Military and Police patrols are now engaged in one of the biggest man-hunts in Rumania's history following the collapse of the five-day Iron Guard revolt against the government of General Antonescu.

The rebel leaders still at liberty are being vigorously rounded up and a secret force of arms has been seized. Life in Bucharest is almost normal except in certain districts which are cordoned off by the military. Train services have been restarted but the public requires permission to travel.

NIPPON FLEET

Unique Category Of Arms

TOKYO, Jan. 27 (Reuter).—Japan need not spend as much as the United States in her naval building programme because the Japanese Navy means to meet the mammoth American naval building by constructing a unique category of arms with a contrivance originally evolved by itself, declared Admiral Koshiro Oikawa, the Japanese Navy Minister, before the Budget Committee of the House of Representatives.

"Nothing will be left undone in preparing to meet the worst eventually," he said. While declining to give details, Admiral Oikawa assured an interpellator that the Japanese Navy could meet the requirements of every possible contingency in connection with defence, not only in Japan but in the sphere of common prosperity of Greater East Asia.

JAPANESE PEERS' RESOLUTION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Jan. 27 (Domel).—The House of Peers to-day unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon the Government to bring into effect Japan's policies in keeping with the Imperial Rescripts regarding the stabilisation of East Asia.

The resolution was moved by Prince Sanetaka Ichijo who asserted that some foreign Powers recognise Japan's leadership and position in the Far East while there are others placing obstacles in the way of attainment of Japan's mission. In dealing with the latter group of foreign Powers, Prince Ichijo counselled the Government to redouble their efforts to make them understand Japan's real intentions before treating them as Japan's enemy. "All diplomatic measures should first be exhausted in meeting the emergency, however, unfortunately persist they must be drastically dealt with," Prince Ichijo added.

Secret Treaties And Aims Probe

Resolution In Senate
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (UP).—Senators Burton Wheeler and Gerald Nye are scheduled to introduce a resolution in the Senate next Monday in an endeavour to force President Roosevelt to request belligerents to publicly proclaim their war aims and peace conditions and "any and all secret treaties for the disposition of territorial spoils." The pair made a statement declaring that American involvement in the war was imminent and the nation was entitled to information. "Before the United States goes further along the road to war, we should have assurances from our potential allies that American boys will not be ploughed under European soil every 20 years," they declared.

Hungary's Pro-Axis Count Csaky Dies

BUDAPEST, Jan. 27 (UP).—The Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Stephen Csaky, who had been ill with uremia, died here to-day. Count Csaky contracted his fatal disease during his trip to Belgrade to sign the Hungarian-Yugoslav friendship pact. He was a leading figure in the negotiations winning Hungary half of Transylvania from Rumania and he later signed the pact allying Hungary with the tripartite pact.

Upon his death he was the chief Axis spokesman in relations with Yugoslavia. He always advocated co-operation with the Axis. "The best safeguard of Balkan peace," he once said, "is a community of interests between Germany, Italy, and Hungary."

Aristocratic Family
 Count Stephan Csaky, Hungarian diplomat and statesman, came of a family which had given many officers and officials to the country, including the former Defence Minister, Field Marshal Count Karl Csaky.

Count Stephan entered the diplomatic service, serving in many posts abroad. After the fall of the monarchy in Spain he was for a time Charge d'Affaires for Spain and Portugal. In 1934 he was appointed Minister in Madrid. In 1935 Count Stephen became chief of cabinet of the Foreign Minister, Dr de Kanya, whom he accompanied to the conferences in Italy which led to close relations between the two countries. When in the autumn of 1938 Germany secured a large part of Czechoslovakia, Hung-

Yangtse Transport Sunk By Chinese

—Nippon Air Blows

SOUTH HUPEH, Jan. 27 (Central News).—Chinese mobile artillery units operating along the banks of the Yangtse River claimed another Japanese naval vessel when a troop transport bearing the number 157 was shelled and sunk on January 21 at Chiyau in southern Hupeh near the Hunan border.

The vessel was sailing down the river in the direction of Yoyang, carrying a small contingent of troops who were all drowned together with the crew.

Japanese Naval Aircraft
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
A JAPANESE NAVAL AIR BASE, Jan. 27 (Domel).—Operating along the Yangtse River, Japanese naval aircraft on January 26 carried out raids against the headquarters of Chungking's New Seventh Division at Tsinhang, 50 miles east of Anking, and also against the Chinese base at Wutienpu, south-east of Anking, from where the Chungking elements launched mines into the river.

In the course of low flying attacks against Wutienpu, groups of Chinese troops were machine-gunned and scattered. The Chinese abandoned 200 dead and wounded. A row of about ten ware-houses used to store mines was blown up. Naval aircraft cooperated with Army forces in attacking the Chinese position on the south bank of the Yangtse opposite Ichang in Hupeh Province.

Truck-Loads of Dead

CHUNGKING, Jan. 27 (Central News).—Military advisers from the west Chongqing front claim that the Japanese suffered about 1,000 casualties in their unsuccessful attack on Hsiki from Changling and Hing in the Tsinhu (lake) regions recently. It is said that on January 24 some 27 truck-loads of Japanese wounded soldiers and 15 truck loads of Japanese dead were sent from Changling to Hsichow via Wuksong.

Hostile action in the Ichang sector in Hupeh continues. Japanese troops from Kingmen and Chuchiafow in central Hupeh renewed their offensive with the aid of 3,000 reinforcements on January 23. One column headed for Pelyunshan (Hill), a second for Huchialai, and a third for the west bank of the Shang River, all encountering tenacious Chinese resistance.

A Japanese northward drive from Tanyang, southwest of Kingmen, is also meeting resistance at Maanshan (Hill). In south Hunan more than 4,000 Japanese troops from Sinyang, strategic town on the Peking-Hankow Railway, suffered heavy casualties in an attempt to reduce Chashan on January 25.

Mechanisation Of Indian Army

JUBBULPORE, Jan. 27 (Reuter).—The rapid expansion of mechanisation in the Indian Army has resulted in a huge increase in the number of Indian officers training at the Indian Army Ordnance Corps training centre here. In April, 1939, the number of men under training was 700 while to-day there are 6,500. Recruits learn the various trades from start to finish, taking an average of two years to learn the course which is conducted under the supervision of expert British and Indian technical staff. As a result of the increased intake, the annual output of trained men totals some 4,000.

Fincher And Mackay Save Kowloon C.C.

(Continued from Page 6.)

mis-timed a flighted one from Lloyd and was c and b. 14-2-5. Ride did not stay long but Griffiths and Owen Hughes put on 26 for 5th wicket before the latter was l.b.w. for 23 off Lloyd. 64-5-23. Perry came in. Zimmerman resumed for Lee after the latter had bowled three overs, and 90 went up. Anderson went on for Lloyd, and Griffiths started hitting at him in a very risky way. He might have been caught twice on the off, but both were difficult catches.

At 60 Perry lost his leg stick in reaching out to Zimmerman, and trying to turn the ball. 99-6-10—a stand of 35 runs. John Pearce held on a bit and Lloyd relieved Anderson. With 22 runs added, Zimmerman bowled Pearce. 121-7-11.

A bit later Griffiths sent his 50 up with a big dive over second slip's head. He continued to score with excellent leg shots, while Bosanquet kept a straight bat in front of everything. Total was 157 when stumps were drawn at 5.30 p.m. Sensibly tea was out and stumps drawn at reasonable time. Like K.C.C., Club made good recovery, thanks mainly to Griffiths (72 not out), and are 28 runs behind with 3 wickets to go. I hope to publish a less disjointed account to-morrow of to-day's play. Scores were:

Earl Of Erroll Suspicious

Revolver Shot Found
NAIROBI, Jan. 27 (Reuter).—The Earl of Erroll, whose death was announced last week, may have been murdered, it is suggested by the evidence given at the inquest to-day. It was reported by the Police that the Earl's death was due to a motor accident.

The doctor stated to-day, however, that death was caused by a revolver shot which entered the head at the rear of the left ear and he added that it was most unlikely that it could have been self-inflicted. The inquest was adjourned.

GEN. WAVELL VISITS ATHENS

LONDON, Jan. 27 (Reuter).—A report from Istanbul that General Sir Archibald Wavell recently visited Athens is confirmed in authoritative circles in London to-day. It is stated that the visit was "for the purpose of conferring on certain aspects of aid which Great Britain has been giving and is continuing to give Greece in her resistance to Italian aggression."

Hon. Mr N. L. Smith In Chungking

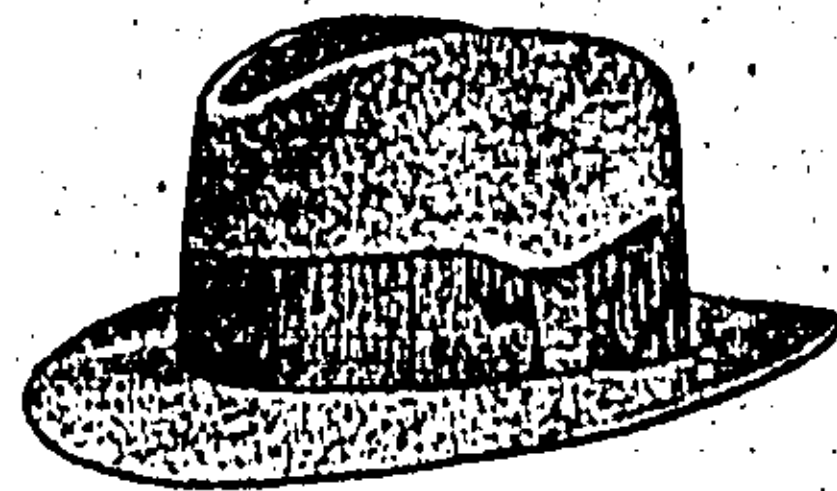
CHUNGKING, Jan. 27 (Central News).—The Hon. Mr N. L. Smith, the Colonial Secretary of the Hongkong Government, arrived here from Hongkong by plane this morning on a visit, and was entertained at lunch and dinner respectively by Dr Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Mr Chang Kin-ngau, Minister of Communications.

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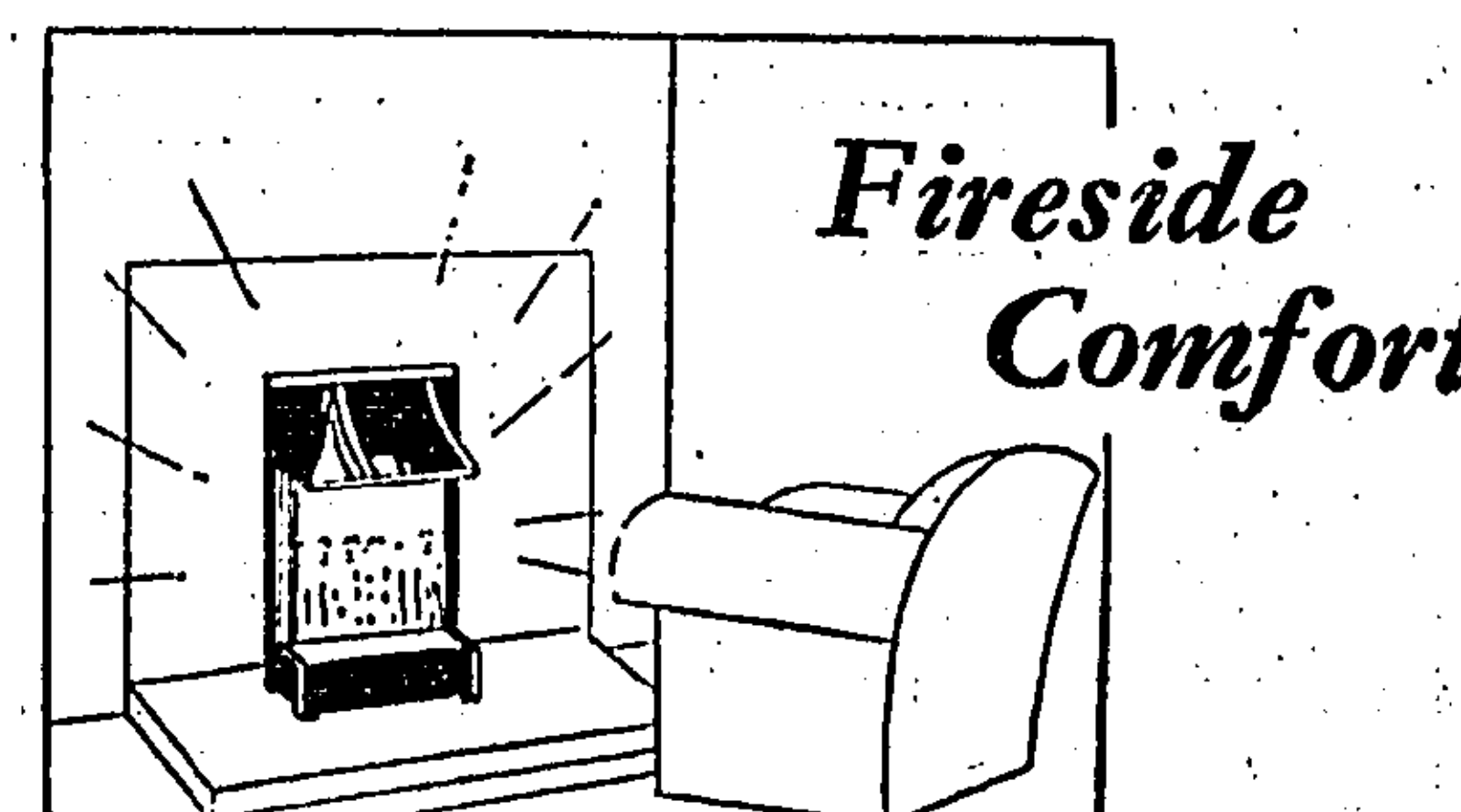
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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

University Withhold Declaration Kowloon C.C. Forced To A Draw: Argument Against The League?

THERE WAS, on Saturday evening and will be in the future I doubt not, a considerable amount of discussion on the action of the University senior XI in batting until 4.45 p.m. and leaving the K.C.C. only 65 minutes in which to make 124 runs.

COMPARISON OF BATSMEN

Between teams of equal strength I should have been extremely critical, but there is one thing that almost everyone overlooks. Kowloon are easily the best side in the League, and their batting not only goes down to No. 11, but they have half a dozen brilliant forcing batsmen.

The University on the other hand, with the exception of L. T. Ride, have learned sound defensive batting but have yet to learn to play forcing shots.

I saw the last half of the innings, and several men were out at once, once they tried to hit. If, therefore, they had forced themselves to play the type of cricket to which they were unused, and of which they were not capable, they would have been out about three-hundred, and the game would have been a farce.

As it was there was one of the most exciting finishes I have seen for a long time, and spectators on the K.C.C. verandah lifted up their voices heartily.

I expected K.C.C. to get the runs, and but for the unfortunate accident to Mackay I feel pretty sure they would have done so.

I admit there is a good deal of argument in this against League cricket, but the complaint seems to me to arise not so much because the Varsity spoiled the match—which in view of the exciting finish was not the case—but because K.C.C. failed to collect three points.

In my opinion it is rather a special case owing, as I have said, to the limitations of the Varsity batting. I should not attempt to defend the action in any other team because all have hitters.

The Play

THERE is little to say about the Varsity batting beyond the point I have mentioned. Lloyd took 7 for 50, but the other K.C.C. bowlers could do little on what seemed to me to be a dead wicket.

When K.C.C. batted there was always a good chance of a win while Anderson and Mackay were together. The former's batting reminds me of rare play, while to continue the simile, Mackay's is more of the subtle.

type. His strain, apart from the time wasted with a runner obviously handicapped him in playing his shots, and probably caused his downfall. It was a nice catch by Oh, but the slip catch by which Ride sent Anderson back to the pavilion was reminiscent of some of those of Owen Hughes at his best. Gegg and Mahmood bowled unchanged. The former would be well advised to stop trying to get that extra yard of pace and concentrate on his length and direction. He is apt to bowl too wide of the off stump, and except when the batsmen are in a cove-hitch, as they were on Saturday, they can ignore him until he has taken the edge of his bowling. But he hurried them down at noble pace for eight overs, and apart from two or three poor overs in the middle of the spell, bowled very well. Mahmood got wickets when they were hitting, but he did not impress me very much.

C.S.C.C. Blot Cop Book

HAVING got the Craigengower side out for 119, thanks largely to Baker's 6 for 28, the Civil Service put up a miserable show and were all out for 63. With Richardson, Griffiths, Perry, McLellan and Attwell to bat they should have done it easily. They are unfortunate in the fact that Colledge and Fortescue are hopelessly out of form this season. Richardson ran himself out, and small did all the damage by taking 5 for 16, but Hulse got both Attwell and Perry early on, and that started the rot.

Junior Division

HAVING been told that owing to the holidays, space is short and that I must not write to any great length, I am afraid I shall do less than justice to the details of the Junior Division cricket. The key match was the victory of the K.C.C. over Revere, who had been going strong. The batting of the home side absolutely curled up except for M. A. Remedios (26) and F. J. Remedios (20). K.C.C. not the runs for the loss of 4 wickets.

C.S.C.C. Draw

THE C.S.C.C. Juniors got going with the bat and got 140 for 4 wickets declared, to which G. Stone contri-

Snooker

POLICE BEAT ARMY CHAMPIONS

KOWLOON POLICE, champions of the Police Force, beat the Royal Army Medical Corps, Army champions, in a challenge snooker match at Yaumatei on Sunday. Aggregate scores were 655 points to 501.

Individual scores were	
Police	R.A.M.C.
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Pope	Harvey
Johnstone	St. Dixon
McIntosh	Terrans
Haynes	James
Pile	Howell
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Golf

Results Of Competitions At Country Club

SECOND ROUND matches in the Captain's Cup competition and in the Men's Foursomes were played at the Country Club, Sheungshui, on Sunday, and resulted as follows:

CAPTAIN'S CUP

C. H. Suen beat K. T. Oel 3 and 2. A. W. Ramsey beat A. R. Pinna 4 and 3.

R. E. Lee beat T. Y. C. Lee 6 and 5. F. X. Silva beat T. Lee 4 and 3.

MEN'S FOURSOMES

R. E. Lee and A. W. Ramsey beat C. R. Pereira and H. A. Alves 6 and 5.

Geo. Lee and A. T. Lee beat B. Basto and H. R. Pinna 6 and 5.

W. Williamson and C. S. Thom beat J. J. Basto and A. R. Pinna 3 and 2.

T. Y. C. Lee and C. H. Suen beat W. C. Hung and E. J. M. Churn on the 10th.

butted 78 not out and J. Barrow 38. The University managed to save the game, thanks largely to Kenneth Lo (though they call him T. C. Lo in the score sheet) who went in first and made 63 not out of their 96 for 4 wickets. He just does not make the grade for the 1st XI where he has been tried.

E. C. Fincher & Mackay Save Kowloon C. C.: Griffiths 72 Not Out

(By "R. Abbit")

COLD AND DULL, light north-east wind for the H.K.C.C. v. K.C.C. two-day match: Excuse my staccato style, I am rationed on space. Capt. Grose was unable to get away, Alec Pearce kept. John Pearce also adrift. That's the worst of war.

Game started at 11.18 a.m. Fred Baker the Yard end. Hung scored one and Anderson touched his second ball into Owen Hughes' hands. 1-1-0.

Perry Law Courts end. Enter Grose, 11.33 a.m. Eight up after 28 minutes, when Baker got a good one past Hung—it kept low and took the middle—2-2-4.

At 13, Ernie Fincher l.b.w. to a leg swinger by Baker. 13-3-6. First four to Ernie Zimmerman, straight to extra cover where Ride was off the field for a minute. Six runs later, Baker took Zimmerman's off stick. Kept low. 10-4-8.

Owen Hughes for Perry Second ball, Archie Zimmerman caught by Baker second slip. 20-5-0, but two four's to mid-wicket where for Mackay Owen Hughes would have been better advised to have had his square leg deep. Mackay two 4's to long leg off Baker, who seemed obviously tiring.

Teddy Fincher on-drove Owen Hughes for 6. Knight for Baker. Mackay was batting finely and punished the several loose balls he got from both bowlers. 40 runs added in 17 minutes! Owen Hughes relieved by T. A. Pearce. Runs came as they liked, and at 80 Ride relieved Knight. Should have had Mackay caught at mid-wicket second ball, but badly missed. Later on he was badly missed at mid-on off Alec Pearce.

Club had lost all control of the game. Instead of giving Baker another over before lunch, John Pearce went on but had no luck.

After Tiffin

BAKER and Perry resumed after the interval, and after 6th wicket had produced 105 runs, Perry got deserved wicket—Mackay caught at cover. 125-0-62.

An excellent inning played in the right vein—hitting hard whenever he could. F. R. Zimmerman did not stop long. At 141 he skied to second slip off Perry. 141-7-10.

Perry clean bowled Broadbridge with his next ball, taking the leg stick. Next over Teddy Fincher completed his 50—a fine innings against difficulties. A confident appeal for a catch at the wicket was given not out in Fincher's favour, and next ball he was dropped at long-on. Bad luck on Perry.

Alec Pearce for Baker. At 179 Fincher lifted Pearce to deep mid-off where Baker took the catch at the second attempt. 179-9-76.

Six runs later Pearce bowled Lloyd and innings closed for 185. Time: 3.05 p.m.

H.K.C.C. Bat

A DISASTROUS start. Grose was a bowled second ball by F. R. Zimmerman. At 14 Knight completely TURN to Page 5, Column Five

ARMY DEFEAT CHINESE 4-1 AFTER EXTRA TIME

Lee Tin-sang Fractures Arm In Collision

Brilliant Defence Play

THE POWERFUL CHINESE XI sustained their second major defeat of the season yesterday at Causeway Bay when they lost to the Army by four goals to one in the semi-finals of the Lai Wah Cup. The victors thoroughly deserved their win, for on the day's play they were undoubtedly the better team. The game was marred by an unfortunate accident to that veteran player, Lee Tin-sang, who in a collision in the second half of the game with Owens, sustained a fractured arm.

The game was featured by the splendid defence put up by both sides, and the excellent goalkeeping of the two keepers. Extra time was necessary before a decision was arrived at, and the staying power of the Army players, coupled with the fact that the Chinese were playing with only ten men, spelt defeat for the latter.

The Army should have clinched the issue during the first ninety minutes of play had Fox their leader not been too selfish in his attempt at getting goals, for whenever the Army attacked, he was inclined to go through all on his own, only to see his efforts blocked.

The first fifteen minutes found the Army attacking, but poor and faulty finishes robbed them of any success. They owed much of their victory to the pair of backs, Naysmith and Fraser, Bright in the pivotal position, and Bankier in goal, for between them, they robbed the Chinese of much of their sting in attack.

In defence, Freshwater and Bright were great stayers, playing their forwards with fine long passes, and the centre half in particular, kept such a wary eye on the dangerous Lee Wal-long that the latter was reduced to a mere passenger during the greater part of the game. Birrell worked hard, and found in Hau Ching-tau a fast winger, and despite his falling of going too far afield, he more than contributed his share to his team's success.

As stated previously, the pair of backs covered their front men well, and their timely clearances and anticipation had the Chinese so to speak, downhearted. They were just that shade faster when it came to racing for the ball, and on the whole, they performed extremely well. Bankier in goal, played a very safe and steady game, and his daring saves were a feature of his display.

Forward Good

The forwards were good, combining well in their attack, and in shooting. Fox led his men well and his headers were a delight to watch. His insidemen, Pearson and Weir lent him good support.

Owens and Duffield were seen to good advantage, and their understanding with the insidemen often caused the Chinese a lot of worry. The defeat of the Chinese can well be attributed to the first time clearances of the Army defence. They were never allowed to settle down with their pat-pat passes, and that during the whole of the game Lee Wal-long had only a few tries at the goal speak volumes for the good work put in by Bright and Co.

The Chinese attack were the usual brand, interspersing short passes with swings to the wings. Fung King-cheung was the prime mover in their attacks, and it appeared that on the day's play, Chung Yung-sum was unable to follow up with the former's schemings, where on more than one occasion, he let his partner down badly.

Lee Wal-long was too well watched to be of much danger, and V. K. Hyul delighted the spectators with some fast runs through, only to find the defenders just ahead of him.

Soong Outstanding

Soong Ling-sing was head and shoulders above his team mates in defence. He put in a great deal of work, often going up to help the attack. Hsu King-sing was sound without being brilliant, and he had quite a good deal to do in keeping track of Owens. Kwok Ying-kie was not very successful, allowing Duffield too much room to move about and thereby putting extra burden on the already overworked shoulders of Tsang Chung-wan.

Lee Tin-sang and Tsang Chung-wan were playing their usual game until the former was injured. Tsang Chung-wan was kicking heavily to good effect, and his timely clearances saved his side on several occasions during attacks. Cheong Wing-choy like his opposite number, played a really good game, and his taking of the ball in the air saved his side on various occasions.

Army On Top

From the kick off, Army went into the attack. Cheong Wing-choy cleared when Fox shot weakly, and Owens' centre went behind. For

fifteen minutes the Army were definitely on top, although the Chinese were on the attack occasionally, but found that the defenders were always there to meet them.

Much against the run of the play, the Chinese went into the lead, when Chung Yung-sum's centre was cleared weakly by Bankier, and Hau Ching-tau following up shot the ball into the net. The Army kept up the attack, and Fox's hesitancy to part with the ball when in the Chinese area spelt what would otherwise had been a very promising movement.

Crossing over with the lead of one goal, the Chinese kept up the attack, and for a brief period had the Army middle trio gradually gained the upper hand, and it was then the Chinese turn to defend. With persistent attacks being launched, it was not long when the Army drew the equaliser.

The ball was being swung from wing to wing, and Owens evaded Hsu King-sing to centre the ball to Fox. The latter obtained possession and sent it back to Owens, whose second parting was taken up by Weir who beat Cheong Wing-choy with a cross ground shot.

Enlightened by this new success, the Army put on pressure, and both keepers were in the limelight with several spectacular clearances. In one of the Army attacks on the Chinese goal towards the close of the first period of the game, Lee Tin-sang collided with Owens and had to leave the field with a fractured arm.

Playing with only ten men, Lee Wal-long went back to take over the injured Lee's place, and they were given a hard time. As the whistle blew for extra time, the Army were keeping up the attack, although Fung King-cheung had back to back shots scraping the cross bar with Bankier well-beaten.

Extra Time

During the first period of the extra time, the Army were all over the Chinese and following upon Tsang Chung-wan's miskick, Duffield's centre was headed into the net by Fox. Thereafter the Chinese went all out to obtain the equaliser but found the Army defenders not wanting. Following upon a knowing Fox obtained possession, and going through on his own beat Cheong Wing-choy with a grounder. Cheong Wing-choy saved on two occasions from the head of Fox, Kwok Ying-kie penalised for an obstruction in the area. Fox's spot-kick was stopped by the Chinese keeper, but the latter followed up to put the ball into the net to register his "hat-trick."

ARMY: Bankier; Naysmith, Fraser; Birrell, Bright, Freshwater; Owens, Pearson, Fox, Weir, Duffield; CHINESE: Cheong Wing-choy; Tsang Chung-wan, Lee Tin-sang; Kwok Ying-kie, Soong Ling-sing; Hsu King-sing; Chung Yung-sum; Fung King-cheung; V. K. Hyul; Lee Wal-long, Hau Ching-tau.

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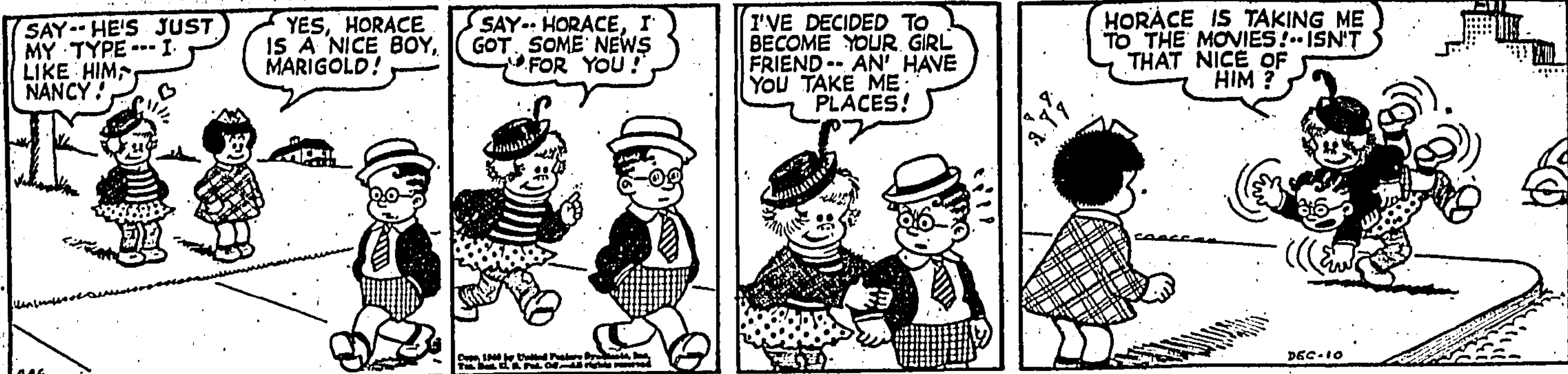
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Firing Punctuates Armistice Talk In Thai-French Dispute

Special to the "Telegraph"

BANGKOK, Jan. 26 (UP).—Thailand's acceptance of the Japanese offer to mediate in the dispute with Indo-China was officially announced to-day. The Japanese Minister, Mr. Futami, said it was rumoured that the French Charge d'Affaires, M. Roger Garreau, was attempting to avoid Japanese mediation.

Thai officials continue strict silence regarding the mediation and advise correspondents to see the Japanese Legation where Mr. Futami is awaiting instructions from Tokyo regarding his next step.

The High Command announced that Thai officials had been sent to administer the Government of Champasak which was occupied by Thai forces during the week and has now been declared part of Thailand territory.

The communiqué did not mention the progress of hostilities. Mr. Futami has confirmed that fighting continues despite the negotiations.

Japanese Squadron Sighted
SAIGON, Jan. 26 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that a squadron of Japanese warships including an aircraft carrier, three cruisers and three torpedo boats was sighted at 2 p.m. to-day 25 miles off Cape St. Jacques which is the eastern headland of Saigon harbour. They were visible for several hours as they passed and then sailed south.

Last Friday, it is said, the same squadron passed close to Camranh Bay which is the naval base.

It is officially announced that last night French planes successfully bombed two Thai cities and also that a few skirmishes took place along the Mekong River in which artillery was involved.

Machine-Gun Fire

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HANOI, Jan. 26 (UP).—Contradicting the Japanese reports of an armistice, the Government communiqué states that there was an exchange of machine-gun fire which continued through the night of the 24th and the day of the 25th at Thakhet and Laidon. Last evening there was an exchange of artillery fire at Savannakhet.

Negotiations To-morrow

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HANOI, Jan. 27 (Domei).—Franco-Thai armistice negotiations will be opened in Saigon on January 29, following agreement by the Vichy and the Bangkok Governments to accept Japanese mediation over their border dispute.

Greeks Break Counter Attack

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUDAPEST, Jan. 26 (UP).—The Greek radio announced that the Italian counter-offensive on the central front was broken by Greek artillery fire. Greek planes drove off the Italian supporting planes and shot down several.

Germans Evacuate

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Jan. 26 (Domei).—German residents in Greece are evacuating to Bulgaria, the Italian Press reported, emphasizing that this followed up the Fuehrer-Duce meeting of January 20 which, the Italian press asserted, was devoted to the formulation of joint Italo-German plans against the Greeks.

The Italian press declared that Axis collaboration will soon take place along all fronts.

The press pointed out that the activities of the British Army corps in Greece are now most noticeable.

LONDON'S REST

Week Free From Raids

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 26 (UP).—At midnight, London has now had a week free from air-raids although slight activity was reported from some parts of England. So far, however, there have been no reports of bombs being dropped.

Raiders were reported in the vicinity of an inland East Anglian town at 8 p.m.

The Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security in a joint communiqué said that bombs were dropped in Cornwall last night with little damage.

"Apart from this, there was no enemy activity." The weather grounded the R.A.F. for the third successive night; however, it is possible that the Coastal Command may have bombed the French coast.

Matsuoka Complains Of American Attitude

Naval Issues

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Jan. 27 (Domei).—Declaring that "the time for a battle of works between Japan and the United States is past," and that he had no desire to refute President Roosevelt's fire-side speech, his message to Congress or Mr. Cordell Hall's "violent" testimony attacking the Japanese before the American Lower House's Foreign Affairs Committee, Foreign Minister Matsuoka reasserted that America fails to understand Japan's position in the Western Pacific.

Mr. Matsuoka stressed Japan's right to her dominant position over the Western Pacific in replying to an interpretation by Mr. Yoshimichi Kuroki in the Plenary Session of the Lower House's Budgetary Committee on Sunday morning when Mr. Kuroki questioned the Foreign Minister regarding the United States declaration that America's first line of defence lies in East Asia and the China Sea.

Pointing out that the view held in the United States that the Manchurian Incident of 1931 destroyed world peace is nothing but "superficial," Mr. Matsuoka declared, "the Manchurian Incident wasn't a destruction but the first step in construction of world peace."

American View
WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (UP).—Official sources say that little attention is being paid to Mr. Matsuoka's description of the United States attitude as "outrageous" as the American policy toward Japan, as toward Britain, has been clearly defined and it is unlikely that it will be modified.

The United States has legitimate interests in the Far East, both territorial and commercial, and she would most unlikely recognise exclusive domination by Japan or any other change in the present status.

U. K. Munitions Works Transfer To Canada
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (Domei).—Many British munitions plants are being transferred to Canada, Mr. Clarence Howe, Canadian Minister of Munitions, who accompanied Lord Halifax here, declared. Some British manufacturers who are bombed out of business have decided to reopen their factories in Canada, Mr. Howe said, while others preferred to establish branches there.

Anglo-Saxon Influence
Mr. Matsuoka charged, "the Anglo-Saxon race has without scruple aided in changing the status quo of East Asia whenever it proved unfavourable to Japan. In other words, these countries welcomed the Chinese efforts to destroy Japan's legitimate rights established in Manchuria and Mongolia. This encouraged the Chinese and finally resulted in the Marco Polo Bridge Incident."

Questioned by Mr. Kuroki as to whether Japan herself or a joint technical commission will decide on the interpretation of Article 3 of the Tientsin Pact wherein the signatories promised to aid each other when attacked by a Power not at present involved in the European war or China hostilities, Mr. Matsuoka declared that the question will be decided by a joint technical commission.

He explained that if Germany attacks the United States, then the Pact will not come into force, but that otherwise the Pact's Article 3 will be operative as is clearly defined.

There is no question of what Japan will do when the United States enters the war, Mr. Matsuoka asserted, pointing out that this can be understood when the history of Japan's entry into the World War is reviewed at which time the Anglo-Japanese Alliance existed.

Naval Preparation
The Japanese Navy is always prepared to meet any eventuality, Admiral Koshiro Okawa, the Navy Minister, declared replying to an interpellation.

"Although I am unable to reveal details I can definitely say that the Japanese Navy has and is being expanded in view of the United States Naval expansion programme," Admiral Okawa said, adding that "in preparing for defence the number of ships alone is not a decisive factor. The quality of ships is another. I can say with emphasis that the Japanese Navy has the quality to meet any Navy in the world."

Guerilla Sea Raiding
TOKYO, Jan. 27 (Domei).—Warning Japan that the United States is steadily acting to "throttle our existence," the "Asahi Shimbun" editorially demanded that "determination and preparedness shall not be lacking to meet a fatal crisis."

The leading metropolitan paper stated, "Nippon-American relations have reached a stage where a single spark will precipitate a conflict, as the result of the United States' provocative offensive."

The paper cited the strengthening of the United States naval bases in the Far East as well as the increases in the United States submarine and air forces in the Far East as evidence that America was preparing for "guerrilla warfare at sea" by com-

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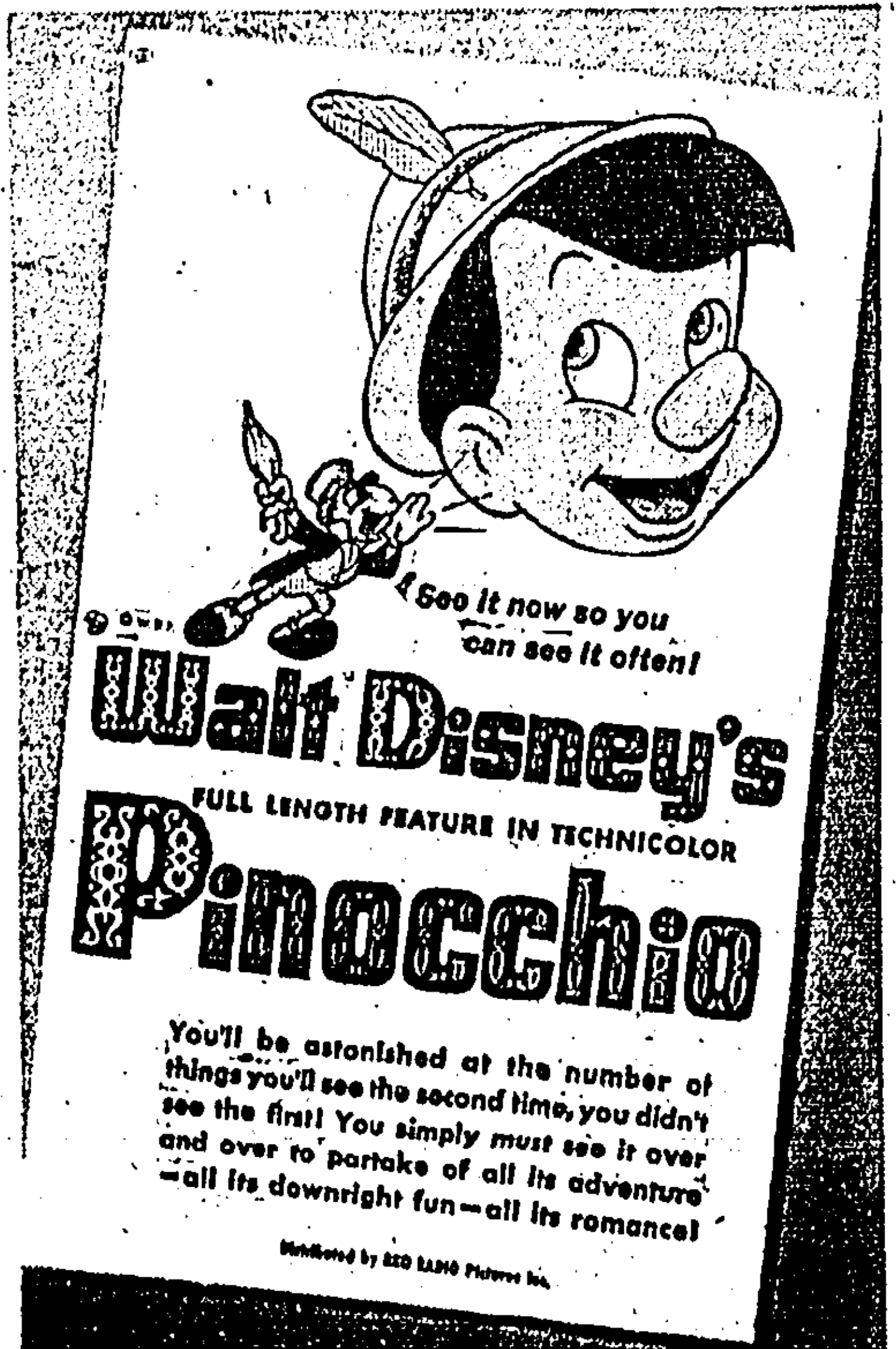
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troops to enter the town, eluded the High Command. All Thai planes returned. Thai forces occupied, it said, strategically important towns near Champasak and also to the north of Sienreap. Firing was said to have continued along the Mekong River.

Japanese Move.
HANOI, Jan. 27 (UP).—French officials here are unable to confirm or deny the report that a squadron of Japanese warships is anchored off the Cape of Saint Jacques, south of Saigon.

According to reliable sources, the Japanese are planning a troop concentration at Nandinh to the south of Hanoi.

Emergency Meeting.
TOKYO, Jan. 27 (Reuter).—The Thai Government yesterday morning held an emergency meeting to discuss the attitude towards the true conditions proposed by Indo-China, according to a Japanese report.

Armistice To-day.
NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (Reuter).—It is officially announced from Vichy that the armistice between Thailand and Indo-China through Japanese arbitration will be effective at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

Fighting Continues.
BANGKOK, Jan. 27 (Reuter).—Fighting is going on with unabated fury, reveals a Supreme Command communiqué. According to Sunday's military operations on all fronts, the communiqué reports that Sipsophon is invested and that bombardment is continuing. In the extreme north, Thai forces have occupied territory in the Luangprabang region.

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No Halifax Formalities

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (Reuter).—The usual formalities for the presentation of credentials to the President will be omitted in Lord Halifax's case.

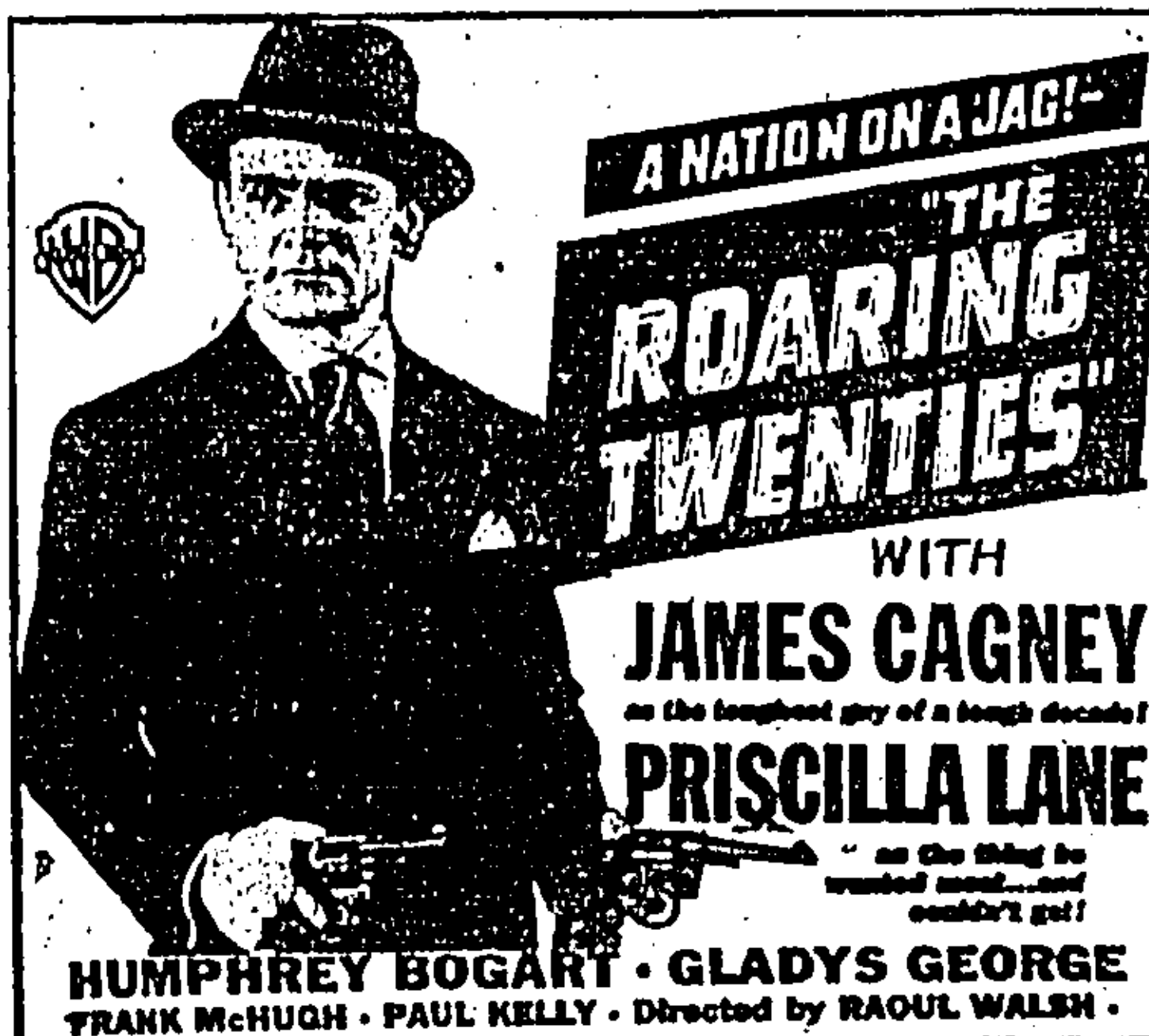
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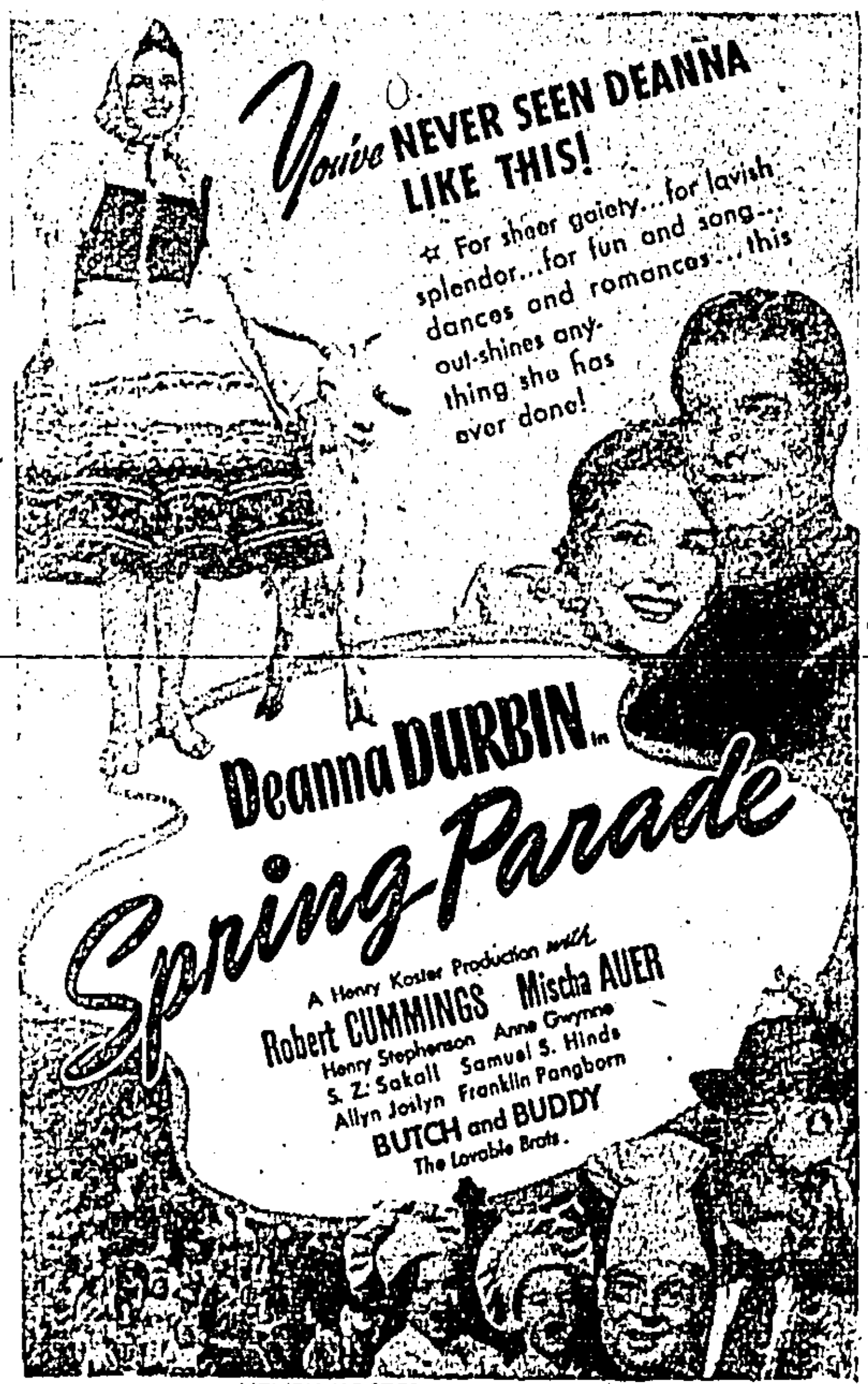
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